



# H.K.-CHINA PACT ON EXPORT PROTECTION

## Licences Needed For Certain Commodities

### New Ruling On Trade In Chinese Notes

At the request of the Chinese authorities the limit of Chinese National Currency notes that may be imported to or exported from the Colony has been raised to C.N.\$3,000,000. A notification to this effect appears in the Government Gazette (No. A.3.)

The public are advised that this regulation will be strictly enforced.

### £14,000 Donated To Local Relief

As the result of representations made on behalf of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council, an application was made to the Lord Mayor's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund for a donation towards local relief funds.

A grant of £14,000 has been received from the Lord Mayor's Fund and will be made available to assist the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council in carrying on its work of relieving the distress of those inhabitants of the Colony who were victims of the Japanese occupation.

The Accountant-General has been

The Hong Kong authorities have received from the Chinese authorities a request for co-operation in safeguarding the exchange proceeds of China's chief exportable commodities.

The Hong Kong authorities agreed to co-operate with the Chinese authorities by insisting that exports of specified Chinese products from Hong Kong shall be permitted only on production of a certificate of origin issued by the Chinese authorities.

Commodities subject to this control will be wolfram, antimony, wood oil, rapeseed oil, tin, tea, bristles, and cotton yarn (notification No. A.2 in Government Gazette).

Applications for licences to export from Hong Kong the above designated China exports should be submitted in duplicate on export licence 2B (yellow) to the Imports and Exports Department.

Where the products are of Chinese origin they must be accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by the Chinese authorities; where such products are not of Chinese origin this certificate will not, of course, be required.

#### Registration

There will be stocks of these commodities in Hong Kong which have already been imported and for which an certificate of origin is obtainable.

Holders of such stocks must register them with the Imports and Exports Department before Jan. 8 on a special I.E. form which is obtainable, free of charge, from the manufactory office of the Imports and Exports Department, Fire Brigade Building, ground floor.

asked to send the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council a cheque for the dollar equivalent of the grant, which will reach the Council in the next few days.

#### SGT. ON CARELESS DRIVING CHARGE

Afternoon on Wednesday, Jan. 7, was fixed by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kent, yesterday for hearing of the charge of driving without due care and attention against Sgt. John Charles Kent (23) of 982 Coy. R.A.C.

Sgt. Kent is alleged to have been the driver of the military ambulance which collided with a car driven by Mr. R. E. H. Wilson, of 100 Waterloo Road, at 5.30 p.m. on Christmas Day near the 11-milestone. Defendant is on bail of \$1,000.

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# Salaries Com. Chief GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE ABOUT \$12m. BACK-PAY

Personages At Yesterday's Press Conference



Here is shown the Chair of the Government Salaries Commission (Mr. D. J. Sloss) at yesterday's conference when he more fully explained details of the Commission's Report to the Press.

Mr. Sloss is seated at centre. On his left is Mr. Marsack (PRO) and on the right (smoking cigar), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

## "No Pressure To Accept Bonds"

The amount of back pay that Government will have to disburse as a result of the Salaries Commission recommendations, if adopted, is in the vicinity of \$12,000,000, said Mr. D. J. Sloss, Chairman of the Commission, at a press conference yesterday.

The present pay roll of the Colony's Civil Service was about \$48,000,000, and an a result of the recommendations it would be increased to \$60,000,000 to \$65,000,000, or an increase about 30 percent. These figures include HCL allowance.

It was hoped to effect payment of this back pay in a lump sum before Chinese New Year, unless it was held up on points of detail, when possibly payment by instalments might be considered, though this would be undesirable.

A hitch was not expected, and if there was a hold-up, it would most probably affect only the higher administrative officers.

### No Pressure

Mr. Sloss said Government

was not aware that civil servants would be required to accept Rehabilitation Bonds either in whole or part payment of back pay.

It was entirely up to recipients' choice, and there would be no pressure.

People in receipt of under \$400 a month were the class benefitting most from the recommendations, said Mr. Sloss.

If there was any dissatisfaction in Malaya, this was possibly due the pre-war scale there being higher than that in Hong Kong.

Mr. Sloss referred to a complaint about delay in the issue of the report.

The Commission had worked very rapidly, he said, considering the number of matters to be investigated.

The report gave the date on which it was submitted to Government, which had to forward it to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for examination not only by the Colonial Office but also by the Treasury.

He himself agreed that the delay was long.

The Hong Kong Government had repeatedly pressed for early approval by the Secretary of State, and Unofficial members of Council had taken a hand in the pressure.

This had carried considerable weight, but for which the report might not yet be out.

## HKVDC Reverts To Active Basis?

The appointment of Colonel L. T. Ride, C.B.E., as Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., which has just been gazetted, will be welcomed with interest by all Volunteers, past and present, as an indication that the reformation of the Corps as an active Force may shortly be expected.

Colonel Ride has been a keen Volunteer and he will bring to his new task a wealth of experience, military and civil, in dealing with all sorts and conditions of men which will be invaluable in reconstructing the H.K.V.D.C., a force of which the Colony has good reason to be proud and from which it will expect more years of useful service.

The good wishes of all sections of the community will be extended to the Volunteers and to their new Commandant.

#### C.O.'s Record

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# "BEST TO MEET OTHER FELLOW HALF WAY"

—Labour Adviser Tells Chinese Engineers

Mr. E.W. Barltrop, C.B.E., D.S.O., Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, was yesterday feted at a reception given by the Chinese Engineers' Institute at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

Welcoming the visitor the Institute's Chairman (Mr. Li Cheung) said Hong Kong, in common with the rest of the world, was having its post-war labour problems, arising mainly out of high commodity prices.

Despite commendable attempts made by the Government to meet the situation there had been labour troubles, to meet which wage adjustments had to be made.

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# Track Of Typhoon DECEMBER SUN WAS KIND



Here is a glimpse of the devastation caused by typhoon Jean on Christmas Day in the Philippines.

Two Catalinas, belonging to Amphibian Airways, were caught in Manila by the typhoon.

One was buried by the gale on top of the other, and burst into flames, destroying both.

## Britain Pays More For Less Food

Ottawa, Jan. 3. New contracts for Canadian food supplies to Britain, providing for reduced quantities and higher prices, were announced here today by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. J. C. Gardiner, who said that there was "a real hope that Canada would be able to deliver all the goods called for."

He reminded his audience that, due to post-war difficulties and material shortages, England was suffering likewise from high commodity prices, and people today have to suffer a lower standard of living.

"As your Chairman has pointed out," said Mr. Barltrop, "these conditions must be attributed more to the ills of society than to labour alone. Of course, we can't blame labour."

"We have to put up with discomforts and lack of many necessities until conditions get back to normal."

"My stay in Hong Kong has been very short," confided Mr. Barltrop.

"I have not been able yet to get a complete picture of all your problems, but the impression I gain, after talks with your Commissioner of Labour and with various other people, is one of commendable progress and triumph over difficulties and of a determination to overcome future obstacles."

Mr. Barltrop commended Mr. Li Cheung's advocacy of co-operation between capital and labour.

"It is the only right spirit. Listen to the other fellow, meet him half way, then we surmount difficulties."

"From what I have seen of my Chinese friends I can see they are the first to agree to a compromise. It augurs well for the Colony."

He referred to some important labour laws to be legislated designed to improve standards, to provide additional protection to workers and generally to regularise a number of things calling for regularization.

He welcomed such legislation as being for the welfare of labour.

Mr. Barltrop spent nearly an hour at the reception yesterday in talks with individual labour union representatives.

Guests at the reception to meet Mr. Barltrop included: Commissioner of Labour (Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins), Labour Officers Major Chauvin and Mrs. Allinson, Social Welfare Officer Mr. MacDouall, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. J. Flinck and others.

## SHOE-SHINE BOYS BLACKMAILED

Described as the third member of the ill-famed "Wo Young Yee" Society to be arrested, a 19-year-old unemployed, Kwan Yan alias So Pah, once mentioned in another "Wo Young Yee Case" to be a money collector for the society, was convicted on a charge of being a member of an unlawful society and sentenced to six months and recommended for banishment.

DSI J. Moore told Mr. F. X. d'Almada that defendant, who was arrested on Friday at No. 80 Connaught Road, Central, admitted being a member of the "Wo Young Yee", whose members bully shoe-shine boys and hawkers into joining the society.

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SRO A. L. Powell said that he gave a coolie a marked dollar to buy some "Sheung Ching" (Chinese wine) from defendant, who later was arrested.

The prosecution said that liquor dealers have to pay \$660 per annum for licences and this kind of small scale selling takes away customers from the licensed shops. A drive against unlicensed dealers is under way.

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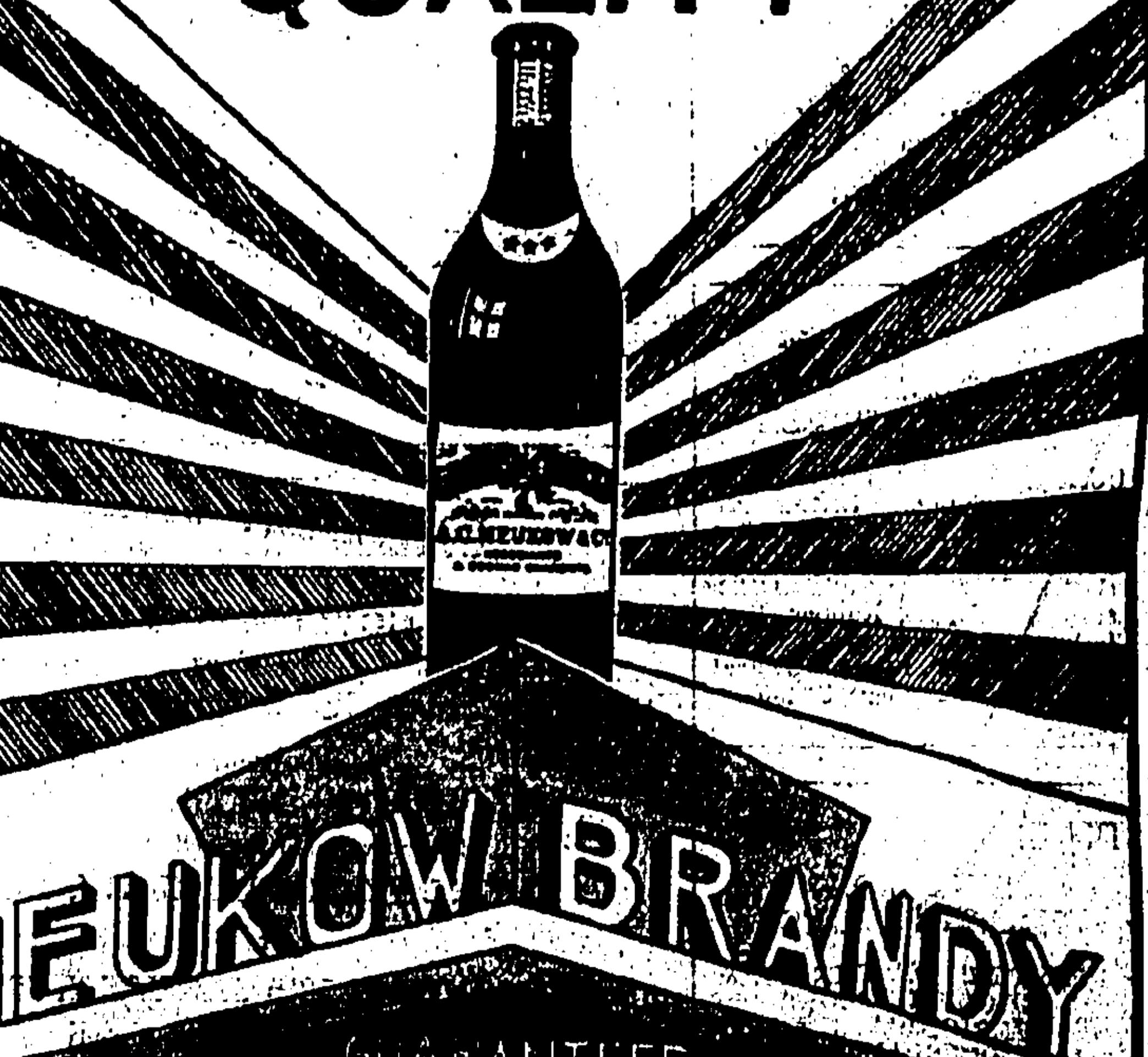
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taxpayer if the Government adopt a plan, now  
under consideration by a Cabinet Committee,  
for reorganising Britain's air transport set-up.  
This possibility is heightened by the publication  
of the accounts of British European Airways,  
the corporation which runs our internal and  
continental services.

It is the first B.E.A. balance  
sheet issued since the corporation  
was formed, and it shows  
a deficit of £42,994,939 for the  
eight months ended March 31.

Overall loss on the first  
year's working of Britain's  
three State-owned airline corpora-  
tions is expected to be  
nearly £10,000,000, including a  
deficiency of about £7,500,000  
by British Overseas Airways.

The financial plight of the  
two senior corporations is al-  
ready being examined by a spe-  
cial Cabinet Committee in con-  
nection with the report of the  
Centralising

Many Socialist M.P.s would  
like to see the corporations' present financial predicament

### Islands For The Empire

Capetown, Jan. 3.  
The Cape Times reported to-  
day that the Union of South  
Africa flag had been planted on  
Prince Edward Island in the  
Antarctic and that an Australian  
party had occupied Heard  
Island.

The report said the Union  
frigate Transvaal sailed south  
from Capetown under sealed  
orders on Dec. 21. A relief ex-  
pedition carrying stores is ex-  
pected to leave Capetown within  
10 days, the newspaper said.

Prince Edward Island lies  
some 1,500 miles from Cape  
town. It had been claimed pre-  
viously by Britain. Heard Is-  
land is about 3,500 miles from  
Australia.—Associated Press.

### "QUEEN MARY" THEFT

London, Jan. 3.  
Detectives boarded the Queen  
Mary when she arrived at  
Southampton to investigate the  
loss of five fur-lined coats be-  
longing to members of Canada's  
skiing team, who are on their way to  
Switzerland.—Reuter.

### RADIO

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a frequency of 845 kilocycles from  
10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and from  
6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52  
megacycles in the 31 metre band from  
10.30 a.m. to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and  
9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

10.30 a.m.—Relay of the Celebration of  
Mass from St. Joseph's Church,  
Hong Kong. The Rev Father Gal-  
lagher, S.J.

11.30 a.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service;  
Choral & Orchestral Concert.

12.25 p.m.—Interlude.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—Sunday Morning Concert.

1.15 p.m.—A Short Russian Programme.

1.30 p.m.—Music for Bach.

2.00 p.m.—London Relay; Weekly News-  
Letter.

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Letter.

2.15 p.m.—Moods in Music.

6.30 p.m.—Light Variety.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay; World and  
Home News.

7.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:

"Music for Romance."

7.45 p.m.—A Vocal Recital by Isobel  
Hodgson.

8.00 p.m.—Light Symphony Concert.

8.22 p.m.—Studio: An Appeal for Flax  
Day. St. Vincent De Paul Society.

By the Rev Father T.J. Sheridan,  
S.J.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:

"Oriel Farm" by A. Trollope.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay; News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay; News.

10.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:

"The Cloch, Symphony..."

Barber—Adagio for Strings.

N.D.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Prokofoff—Concerto No. 3 in C

Major.

Serge Prokofoff, Piano

and London Symphony Orchestra.

Ilinsky—Korsakov—Capriccio

Spaniolo—London Symphony  
Orchestra.

10.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service:

"Telethon in Great Britain".

10.45 p.m.—Studio: Sunday Evening  
Epilogue. Conducted by the Rev  
Father J. Garland, S.J.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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# ABOUT THIS AND THAT

## Leap Year

Shure, and it's myself that was surprised to find that old St. Patrick himself started the Leap Year custom. As you'll be knowing, every fourth year even the most modest colleen can ask her broth of a boy for his hand. And if he should be after refusing her, he is in honour bound, as a man and a gentleman, to give her a pair of gloves—and, begorrah, count himself lucky to be quite so astly! And now I'll be telling you of the story of it.

It happened in this wise. One day St. Bridget came to the great Saint and told him of a mutiny in her convent. The nuns, she reported, were after asserting their claim to propose to men (Nuns were nuns in those days), and what did Patrick suggest she do with 'em? St. Patrick thought a while, and then a while longer. Finally, he said he'd concede them this right once in every seven years.

"Arrah, Patrick, jewel, I daurn't go back to the girls wid such a proposal," replied St. Bridget. "Make it one year in four," she said, giving him a modest but friendly squeeze. "Bridget, anoushka," Patrick cried, "excuse me that way again, and I'll give you Leap Year, the longest of the lot!" Her eyes happening to fall on a calendar, St. Bridget immediately popped the question. To get out of his predicament, St. Patrick hastily add'd an escape clause—"That is," he said, "providing always that the man is entitled to offer compensation for a refusal—a kiss, say." "And as silk gown?" asked Bridget. "Yes, and a silk gown," said St. Patrick, with a sigh. And it was so, and is, and this is Leap Year.

## The New Year

Thursday was the first day of the new year 1948. Or was it? It depends on what you mean, as Comrade Joad would say. It was New Year's Day for you and for me, for the folk whose lives are linked with the Gregorian Calendar. But it wasn't New Year's Day for the bulk of China's 400,000,000—who defy the 1930 Government order and celebrate the old Lunar Calendar, as the 3,000,000 Tibetans still do. Nor was it New Year's Day for 16,000,000 Jews, 209,000,000 Moslems and some 300,000,000 Indians. As a matter of fact, it was also only the first day of one of several years that we use simultaneously ourselves.

The early Romans began their year in March. When the Christian chronological system came into use, various days of the year were "New Year's Day." Among them December 25th, March 25th—"Lady Day," commemorating the Annunciation and also traditionally associated with Adam's birthday—and Easter Day. With the reform of the calendar in the 16th century, the Christian world gradually adopted January 1st as the start of the new year. It was legally pronounced such by Scotland in 1600 and by England in 1752.

## JEWISH CALENDAR

The Jewish Calendar, as it is used today, dates back to AD 358 and is believed to have been drawn up by Rabbi Hillel II, a descendant of Gamaliel. According to this calendar, and Jewish belief, the world was created in what corresponds to the year 3761 BC. Their New Year's Day, 5708, fell on September 15th last, and their new year "this year" falls on October 4th, 1947.

The Moslems, too, have beaten us to it, or are way behind, depending on how you look at it. They date their Year One to the date of the "Hijra," or the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. The Moslem Year 1367 began on November 15 last, and 1368 begins on November 3rd next. Various calendars are used in India, dating back to February 23, 67 BC, and around March, 78 AD, while "China New Year" or the Lunar New Year falls on February 10th this year.

One of the most interesting is perhaps Japanese New Year, as although it falls on the same day as ours—January 1st—the year itself is different. The Japanese use a Gregorian calendar but date it back to the year 630, based on "epoch" which start with the Emperor's accession to the throne. This, at first, might make it impossible for their

A friend of mine recently commented that it spoke highly for Chinlaid civilization that "although they learned the secrets of gunpowder hundreds of years before the rest of the world, they merely used it for fireworks, and it took European man to develop it into a weapon of war." I disagree. The more horrible war becomes, the better chance those who survive have of finally putting an end to it. I see no merit in a claim to have developed a noisy way of celebration which is guaranteed to distract non-celebrants for miles around. Let's leave noise and explosions to war—I had quite enough of them then, and so did everyone else. I don't care if I don't hear another explosive sound for the rest of my days.

P.S.—I will in fairness admit my viewpoint is not completely detached. Christopher was not frightened, by the noise, but it did wake him up, and it was at least three hours before any of us got any more sleep.

## Police

Recently, the Commissioner of Police made a strong plea, for more and better cooperation from the general public. The exact result of this appeal have not been revealed, but a recent incident in one of the local Police Stations would appear to indicate that there is a tendency in the general public as in ourselves, which doesn't mind its own business.

## By ARTHUR GEE

and our New Year's Days to coincide, except that any "epoch" must end on December 31st. Thus, when Hirohito ascended the Throne on December 26th, 1926, he inaugurated the Showa epoch, and on Thursday the Japanese celebrated the first day of the year Showa 23.

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# CASEBOOK OF A MODERN SHERLOCK HOLMES

By Maurice Wiltshire

This is the case book of Dr. Bernard Spilsbury: the brief history of some of the astounding medico-legal cases that dressed him, for the general public, in the mantle (or was it Inverness cape?) of Conan Doyle's indomitable Sherlock Holmes.

Had he written it himself as he intended, he would have announced in that cold way of his: "It is of no public interest."

That was now his described the book he meant to write, but never did. And it summed up the essential Spilsbury—or a large part

As a medical student at St. Mary's Hospital, London, his mind never really got beyond the dissecting room. Here no was fascinated and happy to work among the corpses while his fellow-students were dreaming of practices in Wimpole-street.

He was for ever searching. Once he cussed himself with carbon monoxide fumes just to analyse afterwards the effects he felt.

It all began, as far as the "uninterested" public were concerned, with the bringing to book for murder of a doctor.

Scotland Yard detectives had been poking about in a house in Hilldrop-crescent. One of them found what might be a bit of skin. It was buried in a cellar.

Bernard Spilsbury was called in. It was probably the first time the famous headline appeared in a newspaper. It was certainly the first time that so tiny a clue had led to the solution of so gruesome a killing.

Spilsbury, with his almost frightening attractiveness to morbid detail, found that the skin was part of the diaphragm of a woman's stomach. It bore on it two-year-old appendicectomy scars.

Identification followed by what then must have been a near-miracle. She was Belle Elmore, and she had been sliced up, it transpired, by this doctor whose name everyone knows now was Crippen.

Was it a near-miracle? Not really. It was the inscrutable, analytical brain of the modern Sherlock Holmes—the man to whom the tiny, sad little remnants of a once human being

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could it almost appear, speak and accuse their destroyer.

Number Two in the case book must almost certainly be the affair of George Smith who, 36 years ago, married three women and drowned them all in his bath.

Suspicion was aroused by the fact that all three died the same way, and with "Spils," as he was called by his colleagues, suspicion was always the gun that started the chase.

He believed that Smith had helped his wives to drown and the defence could not shake him. "Strangulation." And so it was. Sydney Fox her loving son, was hanged for the murder of his mother.

It was Bernard Spilsbury's familiar acquaintance with the dead and their habits that helped him point the finger of guilt at Norman Thorne, the Crowborough chicken farm murderer of 1922.

Thorne, it seemed, had grown tired of poor Elsie Cameron, his plain little friend, and found her becoming an embarrassment to him.

So he killed her with an Indian club and hung her in the barn of his chicken farm so that it appeared she had committed suicide.

Graphically the murderer described his horror as he found her hanging, "her dead eyes staring into mine."

No dead eyes had ever "stared" at expert Spilsbury. They had gazed glassily at him from under half-lowered lids. This and other

And so, with Smith eventually in the dock, the famous pathologist entered a bath to be brought into court. A nurse in a bathing costume volunteered to act the part of a Mrs. Smith.

Spilsbury stood in the witness-box, indicating coolly here a point and there a significant angle of the body, as the nurse was upended by a policeman, her head disappearing under water.

It was before Spilsbury had quite grasped the idea of being brief with his evidence. He talked almost a little too long—but certainly very fascinatingly. Everyone forgot the nurse. She was being drowned before the very eyes of the court.

It took 15 minutes of artificial respiration to bring her to again, during which the prosecution held their breath lest a charge of manslaughter should be brought against them.

It was a cake of soap held in the hand of the last Mrs. Smith as she died in the bath that interested Dr. Spilsbury, but was ignored by the coroner.

There was Mahon, the Crumbles killer, and, most recently of all, the Antiques case. Always the cool, toro evidence of Sir Bernard Spilsbury sent the accused to his death.

There were cases, naturally, that failed him. The Brighton Trunk Murder, for instance.

Clearly he demonstrated how Violet Saunders, whose body was found in a travelling trunk, was killed by a blow on the head. The court was unable to decide who struck the blow.

In his extraordinary career he made friends as well as enemies. Mr. Justice Finlay described him as a "person of great eminence, great fairness, and great experience."

Another Judge declared he was the "perfect witness." And counsel in a case at the Old Bailey referred to him as "almost a god in these courts."

"His opinion of himself we shall never know."

## The White Mikado

By William Courtenay

General MacArthur has now been in Tokyo more than two years. His strange, cloistered life is bound by his daily journeys from the United States Embassy, where he lives with his wife and ten-year-old son, to his office in the Dai Ichi building half a mile distant, overlooking the Emperor's Palace.

He landed with the first air-borne troops at the Atsugi air-field 20 miles from Yokohama on Aug. 30, 1945; moved into Tokyo early in Sept.; and has never left the city since.

He has not even visited Hiroshima, the atom-bombed city; has seen nothing of Japanese rural life; of its shrines; of its customs or countryside.

Nor has he even taken a day's holiday. Mornings find him moving to his office soon after 9 o'clock in his sleek, black limousine. A Guard of Honour drawn from the best drilled soldiers of all his regiments—regiments he never visits—click heels and salute smartly. He grants audiences, issues directives to the Japanese, transacts business, sees the senior members of his staff, and by 2 p.m. there is a crowd of various Japs and Americans lined up outside the Dai Ichi building with cameras.

These are his fans. They wait for an hour or more for just a

glimpse of the white Mikado. He may have a few important people to interview at the U.S. Embassy; otherwise he lunches with his wife and small son Arthur who is the apple of his eye.

He rests till 6.30 p.m. and returns to the Dai Ichi building by 8 p.m. So do all his staff; they must conform to his hours.

He dines with his wife; has occasional relaxation in the Embassy, to which the guards and staff servants are invited. He never gives or attends any dinner parties.

His public appearances grow more rare. He never attended a single function or party in Australia or elsewhere throughout the four years of the Pacific war. In Japan he has visited the British Embassy once—in the King's birthday last year—he has visited the Russian and one or two other Embassies once just to preserve the balance.

He turned out publicly just for the July 4th celebrations of American Independence. It will probably be a year before the public see him again.

Seven days a week, his inexorable routine. "Mrs. MacArthur occasionally represents him at functions such as at the British Embassy for the Royal Wedding celebrations.

In the vast halls of the U.S. Embassy his little son Arthur roams alone. While the Emperor's son has been given an American woman as tutor MacArthur sticks to an Englishwoman, Mrs. Gibbons. "Gibbles" to little Arthur. Young Arthur at rising ten has never been in the United States.

Neither the General nor Mrs. MacArthur—"my General," she calls him—has been in America for eleven years. Now she is loath to go there without him, and perhaps two more years will elapse before they return, till the Peace Treaty with Japan has been concluded.

This ascetic life has created a legend round MacArthur in Japan; his military prowess first, of course, commanded respect among the Japs whom he conquered; his role as Liberator has endeared him to them.

They just love him, being secretly ordered only at the shoring of the Emperor's power. But they mostly regard him as temporary; the Constitution allows for amendment at the hands of the Diet. When the Occupation ends it doubtless will be amended.

The chief fear of the Japs today is that MacArthur might go, for they fear there will be no one of his commanding stature and prestige to hold the reins; and that the Russians, whom they fear most while they are weak, might succeed to MacArthur's throne.

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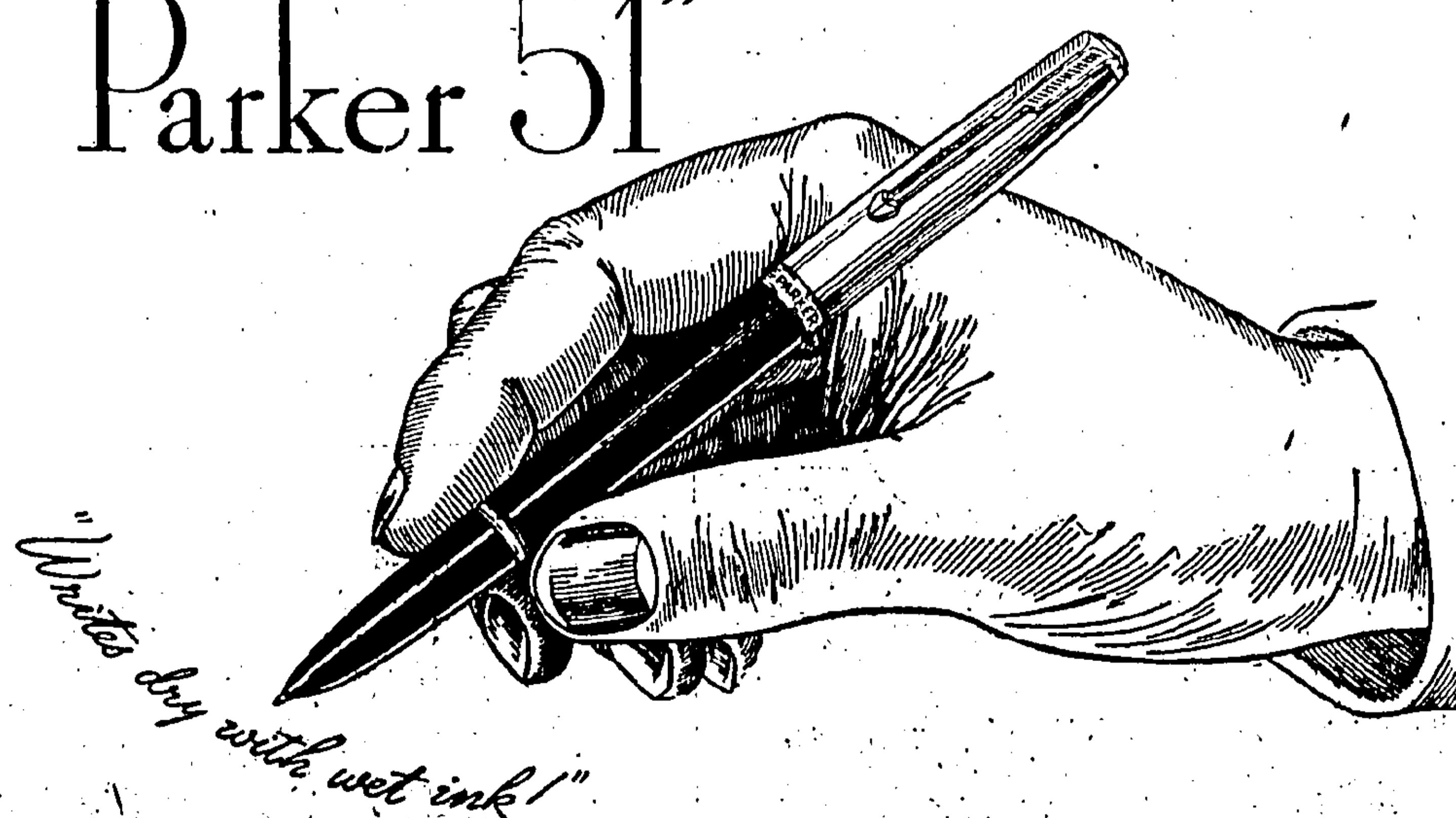


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I give Rog, a rolled-gold saddle, miniature size, with patent attachment for holding the tie securely in place in all weathers. "That'll put you at home on the range," I tell him.

Herbie comes through with a neat little gift-box. "It's the Pixilated Pachyderm," he tells me, "a goofy pint-sized pink elephant designed in Hollywood by a famous artist. A guaranteed gloom-chaser for the rumpus-room."

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I have a cute brass bedroom door-knocker for Mrs. Schwartz, with the personalized inscription, "Mom." "No more surprises in the toilet table, Mrs. Schwartz," I explain: "your friends will be only too glad to knock."

They come back at me again. You don't need to follow Winchell to know that, whatever is happening elsewhere, there's no lack of consumer goods in the good old U.S.A. I get a pair of trunks from Elmer, hand-painted all over with crazy red ants. "The Antsy Pants," says Elmer. "Keeps the midriff down and the spirits up."

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## NEW YEARS EVE JOURNEY

By Margaret Bradbury

Bangkok, Dec. 31. The nine passengers who had boarded the BOAC flying boat at Kai Tak, bound for England, heaved a sigh of relief as they settled comfortably in their seats and waited for the first part of their journey to begin. Passports and luggage had been dealt with briskly by the uniformed officials at the airport and the "too early in the morning" feeling was passing. It was 7.30 a.m. and New Year's Eve morning.

The huge body of the craft awayed gently in the water behind the air terminal as last instructions were exchanged between the crew and the airport officials. The door hatch of the machine was slammed and locked, and the pilot took his seat before the controls to begin the routine testing of the airport's many gadgets. The lapping of the waves against the flying boat were suddenly drowned by a subdued roar, as the engines hummed into life and propelled the plane slowly through the water. With gathering speed, the flying boat "Poole", for so she was known to the crew, taxied around in the Harbour until with her engines revved up to straining point she rushed forward cleaving the water on either side and leaving a trail of foam behind her.

We're Off

Inside the luxurious cream and brown coloured compartment of the boat, passengers felt the slight pulling motion as she leapt forward and they watched the streaming water spraying the outside of the thick glass windows.

For perhaps a few more seconds "Poole", skimmed along the water and then gave her passengers that split second stomach dropping sensation known to every air traveller, as she became airborne. Slowly rising above the water, the aircraft circled over the Harbour. Below, Hong Kong Island, with its treacherous surrounding hills, seemed to loom up at the plane as she sped on smoothly, and curved away round the jagged hills. A few minutes later nod "Poole" soared above cloud level and into a clear blue sky. Looking out of the middle

Isolated Crag

As the Island, and its arid sections, disappeared behind us, the "Poole" passengers, from their snug interior, looked out at the still clear blue sky and the calm sea below. An isolated crag broke its surface here and there, pointing upwards like a finger at the unswerving aircraft. Just three and three quarter hours after leaving Kai Tak, "Poole" crossed the coast of Indo-China at a height of 10,000 feet, and nearly an hour later sailed over the Mekong River which forms the frontier between Siam and Indo-China. The land below was very flat and dull to the eye. As far as one could see below and beyond, in the sunlight. Occasionally fields were under water, bearing evidence of the recent heavy rainfall. In the distance the ancient city of Bangkok loomed at the edge of the horizon. We soared towards it, and descended smoothly and safely on the first lap of our long journey, to England in the Bangkok flying boat harbour.

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There's a sudden commotion at the door, and in comes little Mary Lou. Her present is a cuddly dog in soft, no-tear lamb-wool, guaranteed non-poisonous and mohair proof.

"That's swell, Mary Lou," I tell her. "But you should keep it yourself. I got no kids."

"That's what you think," says Mary Lou, and pulls a zipper in the dog's little tum. Five lamb's wool puppies roll out.

That really sets them going. They catch hold of Mary Lou and they carry her round the room shoulder high. Ed's pounding his feet on the floor. Ed's pounding his feet on the door...

This time I know I really am awake. I look round my cold grey room. It is London, December 21. Three more shopping days to Christmas. Three more days in which someone can buy me a handkerchief, if they've got any clothing coupons, or a Utility muller, if they've got any money.

Still shaken by my dream, by illuminated ash-trays turning into egg-nog jugs, by gleaming plastic racks of self-cleaning collapsible pipes, I turn over and go to sleep again, thankful in a subdued way for our austerity, and determined never again at Christmas time to look through the advertising pages of American magazines.

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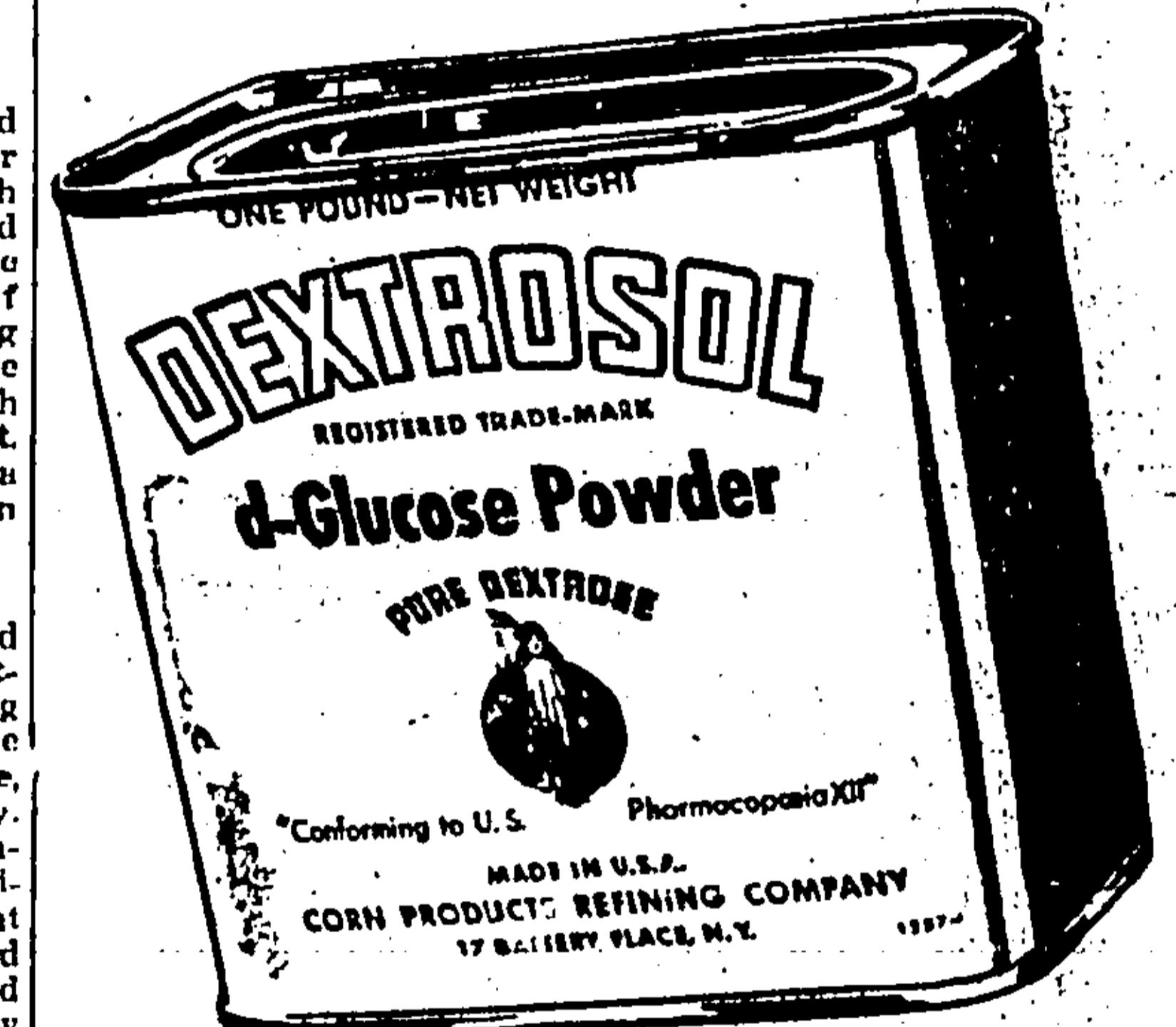
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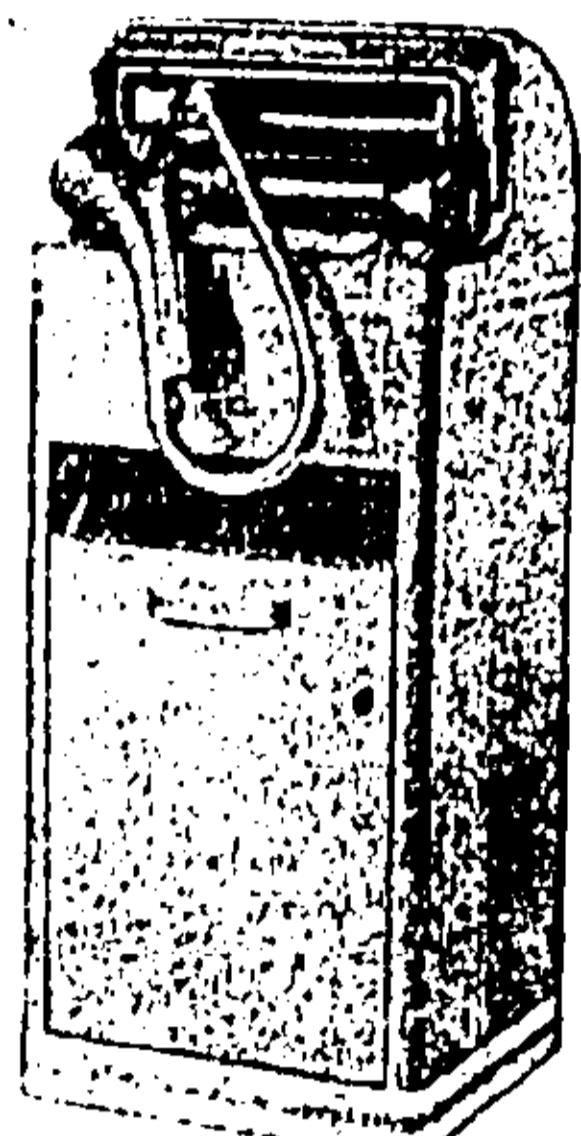
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SPIVS AND DRONES ORDER  
Britons To Register In Classes  
Growing Power Of The State

London, Jan. 3. Before Parliament reassembles this month the registration and direction of labour under what is known as the "spivs and drones Order," which marks a significant stage in the developing power of the State, will be substantially advanced. The registration of street traders will begin on Jan. 5. Two other classes of people will be registered on subsequent dates—those not gainfully employed, and those engaged in non-essential occupations, such as football pools, amusement arcades, and night clubs.

Street traders and people without occupations will have to register individually. Those in non-essential occupations will be registered by their employers. The age limits are 18 to 60 for men, and 18 to 40 for women, inclusive. The Government has given an undertaking that in no circumstances will married women be directed under this Order.

Registration will be effected in age groups. The Ministry of Labour will sort out those considered to be suitable for employment in essential industry, and invite them, through the medium of the employment exchanges, to undertake it, with a limited choice of occupation. If these invitations are not accepted there will be direction. The mailed fist will be inside the velvet glove.

## Right Of Appeal

There will be a right of appeal against direction, and special women's panels will be set up to advise on women's cases. Many personal and industrial problems will arise. For example, what exactly is non-gainful employment? The Government will issue some general guidance on this, but it is clear that administration of the Order must proceed in this respect, for some time at least, largely by trial and error. Again, what is essential work? It will vary from week to week, and the Government and its officials will be the sole judges of it.

The Government claims the right to exercise "some flexibility" in the application of the Order without further reference to Parliament, and a major criticism of the Order is that the classes of people affected by it can be varied at will.

## 200,000 More?

An assurance has been given that no extension of the three classes now to be dealt with will be made without reference to Parliament. But the power is there in the existing Order. A power far greater is necessary to attain the immediate objectives. Opponents of the Order say that so much power over the lives and work of people ought to have been embodied in an Industrial Constitution Bill, which could have been examined clause by clause.

There is no dependable estimate of the number of registrations in the three classes. It will run into hundreds of thousands. The number of additional workers that will go for essential industry is entirely a matter of conjecture. Ministers would like to see at least 200,000, and this is regarded as a possible figure—Our Own Correspondent.

London, Jan. 3. A Food Ministry official denied today that surplus Navy rum is to be sold by free auction.

"Some of the surplus has already been disposed of," the official explained. "It has been directed, and remaining stocks will be directed, through ordinary trade channels and sold by the trade at the agreed maximum prices already in operation."

The spirit has become surplus because of the reduction in personnel.—Reuter.

## Walkie-Talkie For Rescues

London, Jan. 3. Adaptation of the Army's walkie talkie radio may revolutionise mining rescue operations following an experiment in underground radio communications at Catherine Pit, Cawcrook, County Durham.

It was a "combined operation" between National Coal Board officials, rescue experts and signallers of the 50th Division, Territorial Army.

One definite conclusion emerged: the walkie talkie is a satisfactory means of communication under reasonable conditions up to four hundred yards.

Previous doubts about "screening" from mineral deposits in the workings have been removed. The provisions of radio equipment, the training of men to operate it is to be considered by the National Coal Board regional officials.

Further experiments may take place under conditions approximating as far as possible those after an explosion or a roof fall.

## Malayan Finances Under Discussion

London, Jan. 3. Government sources reported today the start of Anglo-Malayan negotiations in London covering the Union's internal finances and balance of payments position.

## Burglars Missed A Fortune

JERSEY, JAN. 3. THIEVES WHO STOLE £8,000 WORTH OF JEWELLERY FROM THE VILLA OF THE 85-YEAR-OLD DOWAGER LADY TRENT, IN JERSEY, FAILED TO NOTICE IN THE SAME ROOM A BOX CONTAINING OTHER GEMS WORTH £23,000, INCLUDING A £1,000 DIAMOND RING.

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## BIRTHS

MORRIS—At the Queen Mary Hospital on 3rd January, 1948, to IDA, wife of G.H.A. Morris, a daughter, Anne.

FUNG—At the Hong Kong Sanatorium, on 2nd January 1948, to FRANCES, wife of H. L. Fung, a daughter. Both doing well.

## RETIREMENT AGE

It is to be noted that caution is observed by the members of the Salaries Commission in commenting favourably on a suggestion that Government should have the power to call upon any officer to retire at 45 years of age, and that officers should have the right of voluntary retirement at that age. And this is just as well.

The Commission qualify their approval by admitting inability to gauge the cost to the Colony or what measure of dislocation of the public service would result if many officers made use of their right. These two points together provide, clearly, the crux of the whole question, and it is rather a pity that no deeper analysis of the issue was undertaken.

In the first place, it must seem a curiously illogical process whereby as the relative healthiness of the Colony improves the retirement age in the Government Service should progressively be lowered. It is not so many years ago that consent was given to a reduction 55 years to 50 years. To bring it down to 45, when normally a man is at the height of his powers, and with the background of long knowledge of and experience in the Colony, can employ them to the greatest community benefit, asks not merely for a pensions bill growing at an intolerably rapid rate, but would inevitably tend to lower the efficiency of the Civil Service on the administrative and executive side.

No point can surely be made of the possibility that Government might desire to dispose of the services of a person who had outlived his usefulness at 45, for it ought to be assumed that under the new dispensation, the Government will have weeded out its dead wood long before pensionable status is reached.

Only one merit appears that we can detect. This presupposes that the rate at which locally engaged staff can be developed and assimilated into the higher ranks of the Government Service will be swifter than at the moment seems at all likely. A development like that which recently resulted in substantial reductions in the numbers of European members of the Police Department, and their replacement by Chinese Sub-Inspectors, could possibly merit the acceptance of the additional pensions commitments involved. But how many departments are there in which this process is capable of duplication?

Too early an authorised retirement age is, in fact, less likely to be exploited by Government than by those employed in the public service. It would carry, we suspect, far too much of an inducement to young officers to clean up and get out while still in their prime. The dangers, and the potentially heavily increased burden upon the taxpayer, outweigh any minor advantages that a decision to accept the proposal would confer.

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

In Chapter VI of the Salaries Commission Report appears one comment which is likely to provoke sharp reaction among Government servants of long standing. "We believe," state the Commissioners, "that the present benefits paid by the scheme (Widows' and Orphans' Pensions) are maintained only by reason of an undisclosed public subsidy."

Premising for a moment that this really intends what, on the face of it, it appears to say, it can only be inferred that several members of the Commission are afflicted with exceedingly short memories.

The truth is, of course, that the bad practice of Government

## H.K. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

By H. G. W. Woodhead, CBE

If things go according to plan, the year 1948 should witness the inauguration of the new Municipal Government for Hongkong. This project formed the subject of voluminous despatches between Sir Mark Young, the ex-Governor, and Mr. A. Creech-Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, which were released for publication locally on July 23, 1947. The plan approved by the latter will delegate to the new Municipal Council all the functions at present exercised by the Urban Council (i.e. public health and certain kindred matters) with the addition of responsibility for the Fire Brigade, public parks, gardens and recreation grounds, and the licensing and control of places of amusement and vehicles. Ultimately it is hoped that other responsibilities, including education, social welfare, town planning, and public works will be delegated to the Municipal Council. At so soon as it is formed a Commission (in which the Council will be represented) will be set up to make recommendations regarding these extended powers. It was emphasised in the Colonial Secretary's despatch that the process of handing over of certain functions to the Municipal Council would more appropriately be described as one of delegation, rather than transfer, as it was not intended that the Legislature should surrender its powers and vest them in the Municipal Council but rather that the Legislature should delegate certain of its powers to the Municipal Council, to be exercised by that body.

## Legislative Council

Simultaneously with the establishment of the Municipal Council there is to be a modification in the method of selecting the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, four of whom will be nominated or elected (one each by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Justices of the Peace, and two by the Municipal Council itself). Concurrently the number of Official Members will be reduced from nine to seven, so that the Legislative Council will in future consist of seven Official Members and eight Unofficial Members (four of the latter being nominated by the Governor). The Unofficial Members will thus enjoy a majority in the Council, which could only, in the event of their voting unanimously, be offset by the Governor using his original and his casting vote.

The Municipal Council will consist of a total of thirty members, twenty of whom (ten non-Chinese and ten Chinese) will be elected, and ten (five non-Chinese and five Chinese) nominated by various public bodies. These include:

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce: 1 Chinese.  
 Recognized Trade Unions: 2 Chinese.  
 University of Hongkong: 1 Chinese.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce: 2 non-Chinese.  
 Hongkong Residents' Association: 1 non-Chinese.  
 Kowloon Residents' Association: 1 non-Chinese.

Unofficial Justices of the Peace: 1 Chinese, and 1 non-Chinese.

## Non-Existence

It will be noted that among the nominating bodies for non-Chinese are the Hongkong Residents' Association and the Kowloon Residents' Association. There is in existence today an active and constructive Kowloon Residents' Association.

In absorbing contributions to this Fund into the general revenues of the Colony annually, instead of creating a separate trustee fund, requires Government servants to pay sums greatly in excess of what they otherwise might need to do, or, conveniently, accept less substantial benefits.

Some years ago, it had been computed, actually, that the Fund had been set aside, as rightly and properly it should have been, a huge reserve would, by then, have been created.

Government has, for good reasons of its own, said as little about the Fund as possible in recent years, but even if it happens now that actual payments out exceed the present-day revenue, it would ill become Government to venture to interfere with the Fund, for fear of being sued for breach of trust.

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icon Residents' Association. But the Hongkong Residents' Association is non-existent, and clearly something ought to be done, and done soon, to bring it into existence.

Perhaps the organization that used to function very actively in Shanghai and in some of the Treaty Ports, in pre-Pearl Harbour days, might be taken as a model. The British Residents' Association came into existence in Shanghai in 1931 mainly as a result of the indignation aroused over the Thorburn case—an incident in which a half-witted British subject disappeared, and was afterwards found to have been illegally tried and murdered by a Chinese militarist. The British Community felt that its interests were not being adequately represented in London, and at a mass meeting held in the Shanghai Race Club it was decided to form a British Residents' Association, open to membership by all British subjects of both sexes, at a nominal annual subscription. The Association's funds were supplemented by substantial donations from the leading British firms and individuals, and soon it was able to employ a professional correspondent, and a political agent, in London. Thereafter, through the medium of questions in Parliament, or direct representations to the Foreign Office, vital British interests in China were constantly brought to the attention of H.M.'s Government. The B.R.A. (as it was generally called) also took an active interest in Municipal affairs, and the selection of British candidates for the Shanghai Municipal Council. After Pearl Harbour the B.R.A. assumed most of the responsibility for relief work among British subjects in the Shanghai area, until internment put an end to its activities.

Legislative Council

In Hongkong it would hardly be worth while organizing a Hongkong Residents' Association for no purpose other than the nomination of one non-Chinese member of the new Municipal Council. There should be much larger scope for its activities, preferably in collaboration with the Kowloon organization. It is not indicated in the documents that have been released for publication what ideas the local Government has, if any, on the composition and functions of the Hongkong

At any rate, I suggest, it is time to get a move on in the matter of the Hongkong Association. Hongkong ought to have the best possible representatives of the British community on the new Municipal Council. And here we have the potential machinery for choosing at least one Councillor by a representative British body.

The only question is, who will take the lead in getting the Hongkong Residents' Association going? Even if there is less enthusiasm than the Home Government anticipated over the extension of democratic principles to Hongkong, the British community cannot allow a repetition of what happened in the Municipal Government of the Hongkong

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## China Association

Hongkong may not yet aspire to organizing a Hongkong Parliamentary Group, but means might be devised for bringing to the attention of M.P.'s interested in this part of the world reliable information regarding the problems and interests of this distant outpost of the Empire. This might be achieved, without going to the expense of forming an independent London organization, by working in close collaboration with the China Association. As far as I know this Association, which appears to have acquired a new lease of life under the direction of Mr. G. E. Mitchell (formerly of Butterfield and Swire) has no local Committee and does not solicit local membership. Might it not be possible to remedy this omission by associating it with the yet-to-be-formed Hongkong Residents' Association, and representing the latter in London?

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## THE NEW FOREIGN PHASE

By Scrutator

The breakdown of the Foreign Ministers' Conference is civil, but an event of very high importance. Yet it has not been debated in either House of Parliament. Mr. Bevin made a statement—unrestrained as possible—in the Commons and a similar one was made in the Lords by Lord Pakenham; but beyond brief acknowledgments by the Opposition leaders little else was said. This reflected the characteristic patience of Mr. Bevin, reluctant to give any opening to recrimination which might make agreement still more difficult.

The Foreign Ministers' Conference originally came into existence as an alternative to meetings of the heads of Governments. During the war the most important issues were settled directly by percolated discussions between Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt and Generalissimo Stalin. After the war, when Mr. Attlee took Mr. Churchill's place and President Truman Mr. Roosevelt's, the system that direct system was found to work less well. The reason was not the change of personnel, but a change of circumstances. War's pressure was no longer there to compel agreement. Negotiation having thus grown more difficult, it was thought better to delegate it to the Foreign Ministers, whose special vocation it is rather than to keep it in the hands of the heads of Governments, whose vocation it is not, and whose disagreement, if they disagreed, would have a dangerous appearance of finality.

The new system has had one achievement to its credit—the signature of the peace-treaties with the lesser enemy countries. There was nothing brilliant about it; the problems were not really difficult; yet for long the negotiations seemed hopeless. Breakdown was finally averted by a sudden tardy return of the Russian Foreign Minister. Hope that the Russians would repeat this last-minute performance has never since died in Mr. Bevin's breast. But, alas, there has been no repetition so far.

During those two-and-a-half years Russia has visibly been trying to master Continental Europe. Her attempt has had, and still has, an extraordinary degree of success. If you take the Continental countries, excluding Germany and Austria, which on September 1, 1939, lay outside Russian rule, you will find that something like two-fifths of them by population have now been brought under it, either directly by annexation or indirectly by the system of puppet governments. And among the remaining three-fifths the two major powers, the French and the Italians, whose collapse into Russia's arms would entail that of the rest, have been brought very near to collapsing indeed.

## THE MARSHALL PLAN

That is why Russia does not share our anxiety to make peace with Germany and Austria; as also why she does not wish the Marshall Plan to succeed, why she has forbidden all her subjects to take part in it, and why she prompted the recent military strikes in France and Italy to force, if she could, their Government to withdraw from it. For Russian policy and the Marshall Plan are direct antitheses. Russian policy is to intensify economic chaos and misery in Europe, so that its distracted populations may be Communist and put their hands in the Russian mire. The Marshall Plan aims at curing Europe's economic ills, and so enabling its populations to rebuild their political systems on their own lines within a civilised and not a totalitarian framework. An absolute essential for us on the economic side is to bring Western Germany into the Marshall Plan. Dibarded from doing so with Russia's support, we must at last decide to act without that.

We shall face the outlook better if we clarify our minds on three points. First, that our only chance of living peacefully with Russia and avoiding a future war is to stand up to her now. If we let her dominate the rest of the Continent, her sense of our weakness and her own overwhelming strength would render war inevitable.

Secondly, that there can be no conflict here between Britain and America policy. The suggestion that America has more incentive to check Russian aggression than we have, and that our business is to modernise America and act as a sort of brake on her wheel, is perfectly farcical. We have not less interest than America in Europe, and more, because we are one hundred and twenty times nearer the Continent. The mercy is that this time America sees what in 1919 she did not see, that despite that it is vital for her to back us up.

Thirdly, it is actually bound to protect an opposition between the "British" and "French" and "Italian" and the "Marshall" policies within the whole of Europe's economic life. Both policies are totalitarian. And both are, respectively, and they have exactly the same aim. That aim is to dominate the rest of Europe from within the framework of a European federation. Whether that is the right way or not, the question on which the argument must be military or economic.

Whittington-like across his back So began Ernest Bevin's long trek to fame. In 1909 he touched the first rung towards greatness—as a "Socialist and Labour" candidate for the dock area. Five years later he was organiser of the Transport Workers Federation. In 1919, by a dramatic exposure—revelled in a brown paper parcel of the weekly rations of a docker's family, he won his title as docker's K.C.

Holiday Abandoned

Three years later he moulded the million-strong Transport and General Workers' Union. When the Second World War came, as head of the union he had control of the very pulse of the country's industry.

As Minister of Labour the Minister mobilised his country for war—he was tireless and blunt. In the General Election of 1945 he won Central Wandsworth with 6,000 majority.

The ex-Somerset farmer's boy and his rarely seen, capable wife, Florence, prepared for a holiday in Cornwall.

The holiday never came. Next day Bevin was on his way, not to Cornwall, but to Postdam, as Britain's Foreign Secretary.

It was a sombre, silent, and military or economic.

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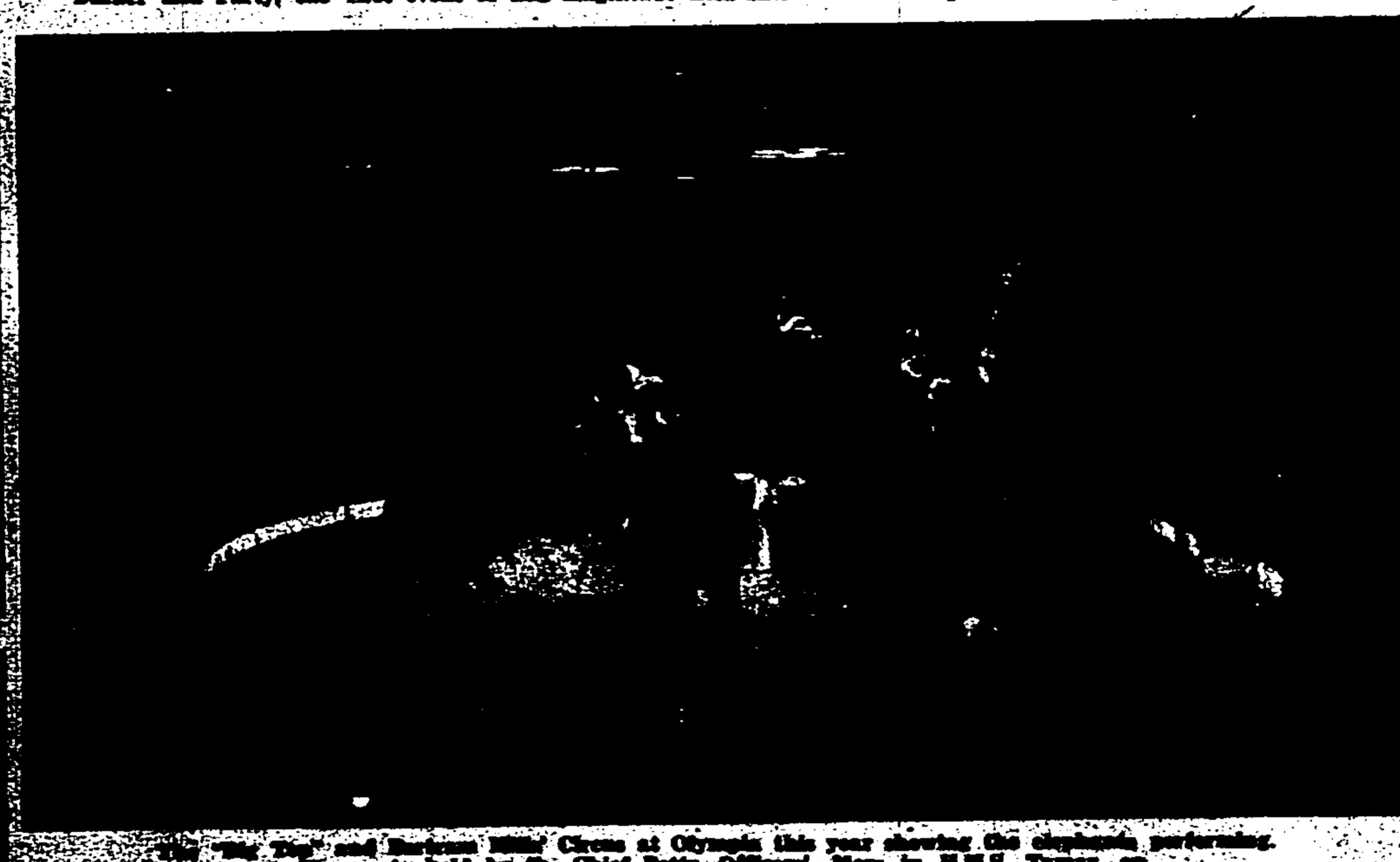
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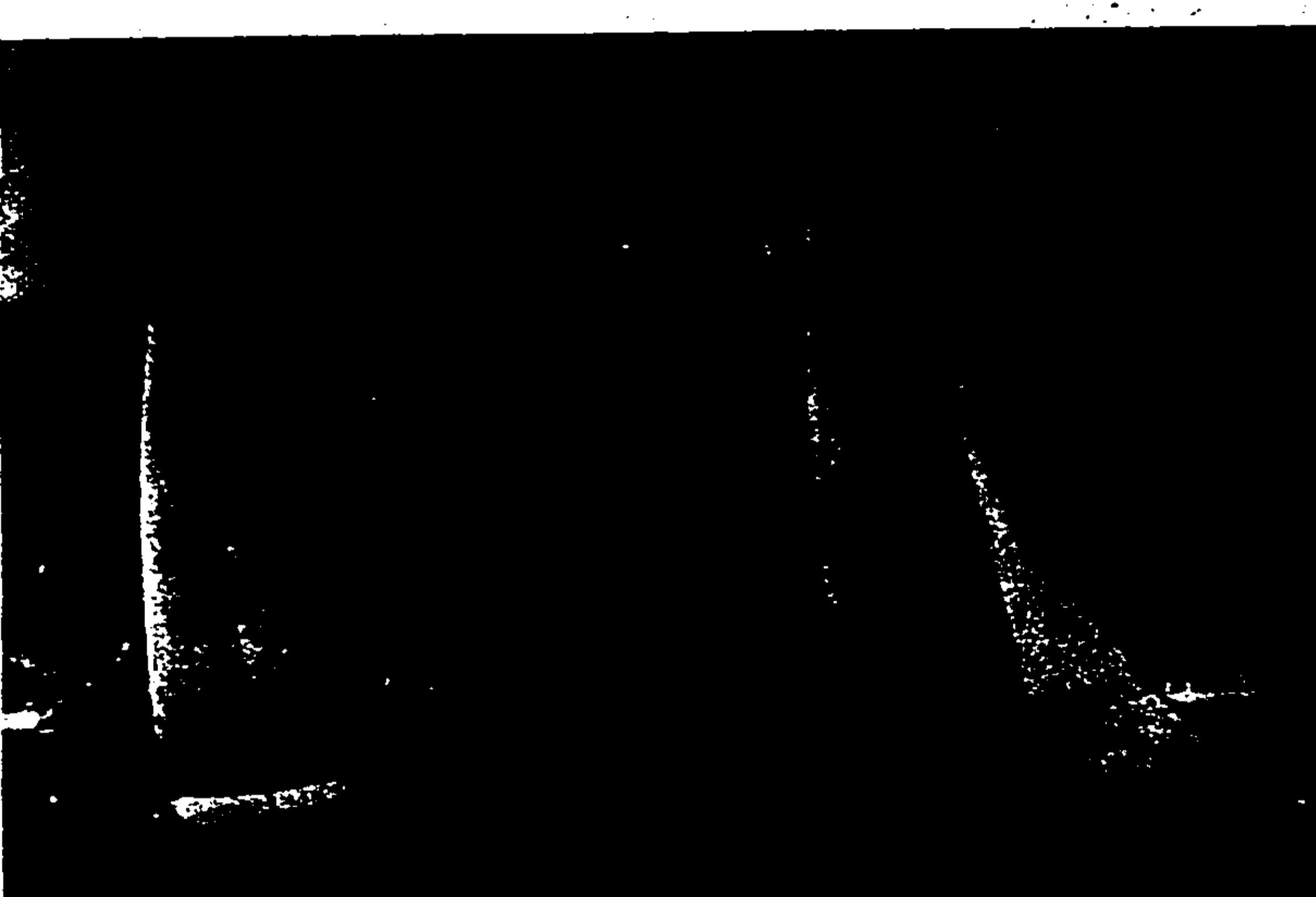
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Members and Guests of Chief Petty Officers Mess of HMS Tamar on Christmas Day.



One of the new London hat styles for the Spring, a silk turban-like hat decorated with feathers. This consists of a wreath of roses with a large black bow at the back.

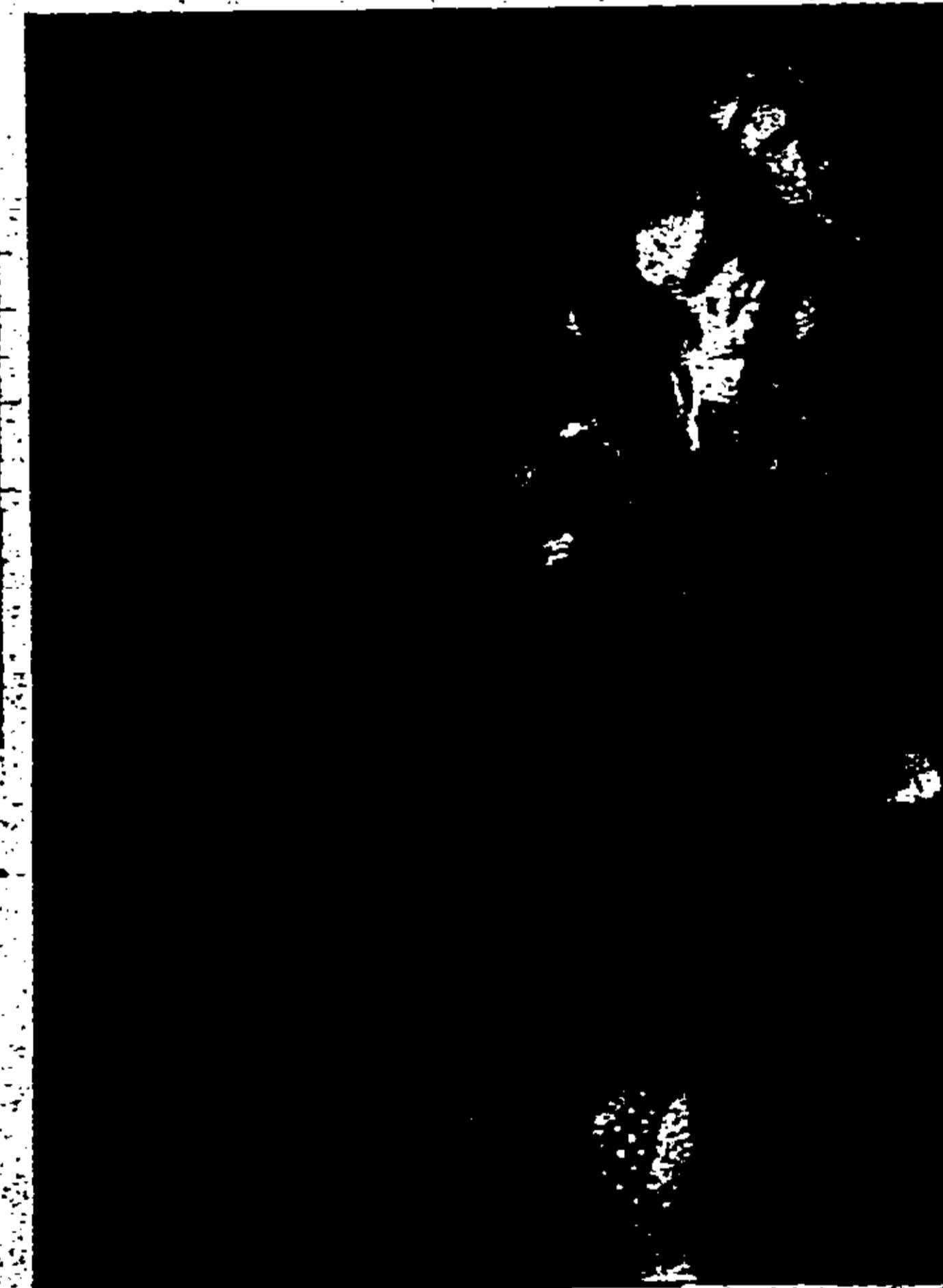


"Marbinger" and "Yvette" at the start of the cruiser race in the Yacht Club's Christmas Regatta.

"Arki," winner of the cruiser race, in the hands of Mr. E. S. Howland-Mack.

Some of the prize-winners at the Yacht Club's Christmas Regatta. Left to right: P. C. M. Szwarc, T. F. Hansen, Miss Phil Lamb, George E. Col. Barrett, E. S. Howland-Mack, and K. Christensen.

(Wadsworth-Goldsborough)





**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
GIVEN ON XMAS EVE BY THE U.S.R.C.**

(Frank W. photos).

A recent portrait of Miss Inge Pedersen, who survived the "Kina" disaster with her father and mother. Mr. P. R. Pedersen is with the Northern Telegraph Company. (W. Gainsborough).



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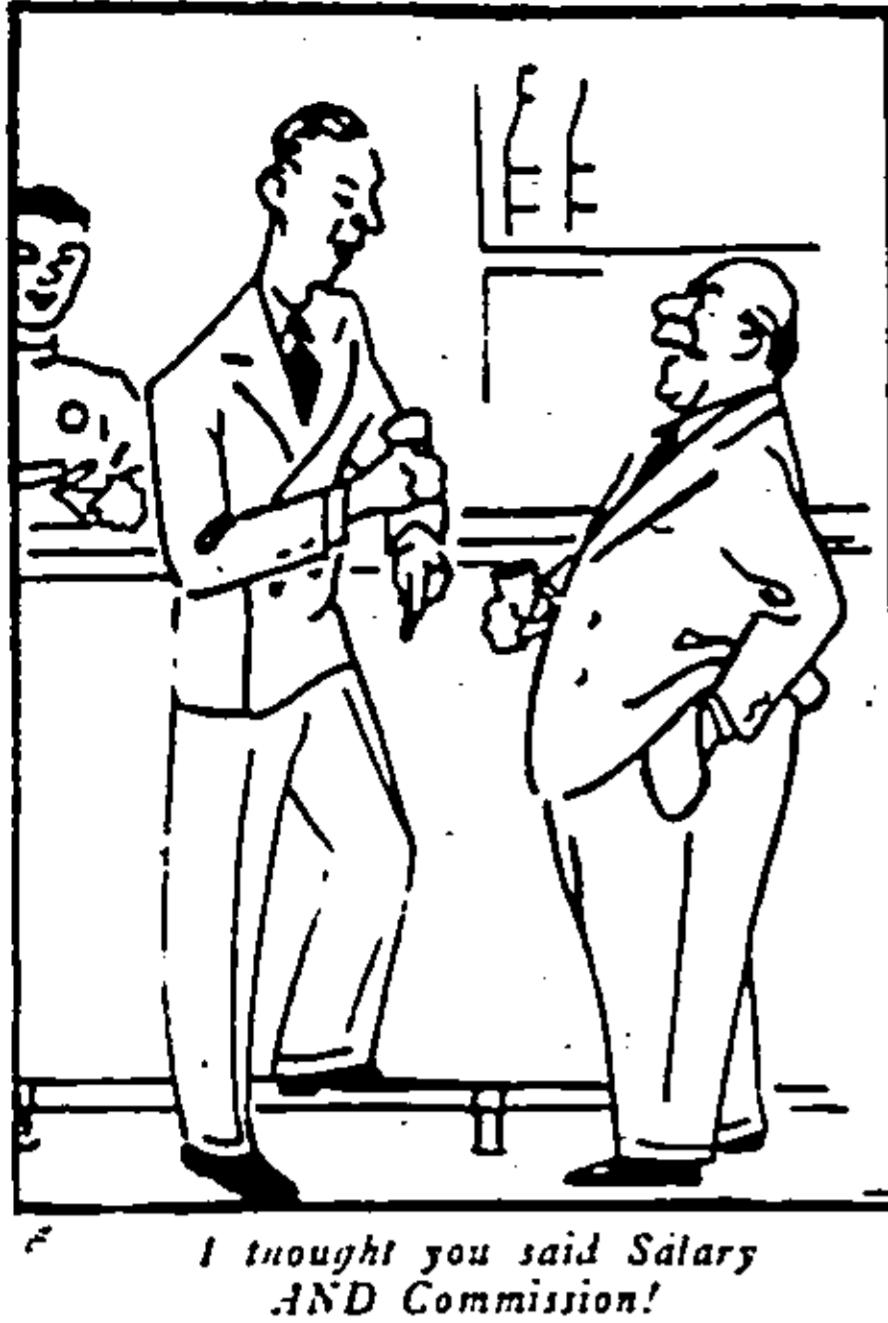
Sub-Lieut. R. G. G. Stanton, R.N.R., one of the heroes of the "Liwo" epic between Singapore and Batavia in February 1942, receiving the D.S.O. awarded to him for "steadfast courage." (China Mail photo).

Major R. G. Stewart, who received the D.S.O. awarded for "great gallantry and initiative" in the hostilities in Hong Kong in December 1941, although wounded early. (China Mail photo)

Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Sir Alexander Grantham, receiving the D.S.O. awarded to him for "great gallantry and initiative" in the hostilities in Hong Kong in December 1941, although wounded early. (China Mail photo)

Many distinguished guests witnessed the presentation of insignia by His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham to civil and military war heroes on Tuesday. Included in this photograph are Lady Grantham, Sir Denis and Lady Boyd, General and Mrs. Erskine, Mrs. H. G. Williams, and Air Commodore S. N. Webster. (China Mail photo).

## PIGMY CATROON



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**Thousands of needless operations** take place yearly, due to over-zealous or mercenary doctors, faulty diagnosis, and patients' morbid desire to be cut open, says Albert Deutsch. Shocking facts (our mortality after ordinary operations tops any civilized country)...and how patients can be safeguarded. (Condensed from *Woman's Home Companion*)

**It pays to increase your word power.** Does "per se" mean at once, by your leave, by itself, or for this reason? Adding new words to your vocabulary increases your self-confidence, your influence—even your earning power. Try this word quiz. It's fun to do and will pay you dividends.

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2. New South Wales; Victoria; Queensland; South Australia; Western Australia; Tasmania.
3. Federation of British Industries, defined as "an association of manufacturers founded for the encouragement, promotion and protection of British industries of all kinds."
4. Narcissus, who loved himself too much.
5. Until 1878 the Army was known as the Christian Mission, under which name it was founded.
6. "Our Lady of the Snows," by Rudyard Kipling.

# Musical World

**THE PROMS**

Tonight's "Proms" Concert from ZBW is a good example of balance in programme material—old and new, light and more profound—from Haydn's witty, good-humoured "Clock" symphony to Prokofiev's brilliant Piano Concerto No. 3, from Rimsky-Korsakov's perennial favourite "Capriccio Espagnol" to Barber's interesting "Adagio for Strings."

The latter has an especial interest, as it is seldom that a work by a modern American composer is heard locally. Samuel Barber—his name, indeed, is unknown to many—was born in West Chester, Pa., in 1905. He began to study music at the age of 6 in the Curtis Institute of Music and on graduation was awarded a fellowship at the American Academy in Rome; he won the Pulitzer Prize in both 1935 and 1936.

Although not of the calibre of Ives, Copland or Blitzstein, Barber's music is always interesting, even though it is more European than American and closer to 19th Century idioms than the more advanced works of his contemporaries. His "Symphony in One Movement" earned him the distinction in 1937 of being the first American to have his music performed at the Salzburg Musical Festival. His best-known works include "Music for a Scene from Shelley" and "Dover Beach," for medium voice and string quartet.

An orchestral piece of his usual highly-coloured material, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio on Spanish Themes," Op. 34, will be presented in a few weeks' time as part of a programme of "live" music presented by the Orchestra of the Sino-British Music Group.

Prokofiev's Concerto for Pianoforte and Orchestra, Op. 26, was composed in 1917 and the critics seem to agree that it is good and a characteristic example of this composer at his best. What is his best? Eric Blom puts it this way:—

"Prokofiev might well be described as a cubist in music. His thematic material is generally square-cut and clearly defined, his idiom hard and dry, his texture free from half-tone and haziness, and his forms are angular and symmetrical. The continuous, unflagging rhythmic motion of many of his movements gives an impression of physical energy and sureness of purpose."

Haydn's Symphony No. 101 in D Major was the eleventh in the set of twelve he composed to the commission of the London impresario Salomon, and is one of the best examples of Haydn at his happiest and gayest. Impish, humourous, ingeniously experimental in orchestration, he exploits the possibilities of the various instruments of the orchestra with the hand of the Master that he was.

Discussion of the symphony can be left to the capable notes which always accompany the ZBW Proms Concert. For the benefit of the newcomer to music—for whom this column is primarily intended—it may be mentioned that the symphony gets its name from the rhythmic beats of the Andante (second) movement. A "licking" accompaniment to a theme heard on the first violins is provided by the bassoons, pizzicato Second Violins and Cellos, with the basses (an octave lower) providing the creaking sounds of a somewhat rusty pendulum.

**GRAM CONCERT**

The YMCA Music Committee opens its season of recorded gramophone concerts on Friday next (Jan. 9) with the first of four programmes of "popular music." Later, more rarely played works and "the moderns" will be added to provide a varied programme. In a special note to this column, a member of the Committee writes:—

"We have endeavoured to provide the concert atmosphere by the use of good reproduction equipment, pleasant lighting, comfortable seating and print-

ed programme notes." The Committee extends a welcome to all music lovers to attend the weekly concerts.

The first programme will consist of the following works:—Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary"; J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor ("The Unfinished"); Handel's "Water Music" suite; and Mozart's Concerto in A Major for Clarinet and Orchestra.

Soloists to be heard at the concert will include Alex Harris (trumpet), Harold Dauber (organ), Reginald Kell (clarinet), Leon Goossens (oboe obligato) and the Choir of the Temple Church, London.

**PROKOFIEV**

From Moscow comes news that Prokofiev has just published a new work—a cantata for orchestra and chorus entitled "Thrive, 'Mighty Land.'" This is his second composition in connection with the 30th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, the other being his "Poema Festival."

The new work is quite short. The Ms. occupies 25 pages and the whole cantata lasts only ten minutes. It'll be some time before we hear it out here in Hong Kong or learn the reaction of the musical world outside Russia. The first reaction within Russia comes in an Associated Press report which quotes the Moscow critic, David Rabinovich, as saying:—

"It is marked by warm sincerity of statement and by the joyous and radiantly optimistic spirit which pervades the whole work."

"There is not a single shade of drama in the work. It is completely saturated with the fresh, caressing breaths of Spring, as fragrant and delightful as a posy of flowers."

This praise is somewhat fulsome, but that, of course, is to be expected when both critics and composers have to toe the Party line. Fortunately for the future of one of the world's leading composers, the rest of us are able to make our own assessments of his works, without having to worry over his political or religious "isms" and whether or not his compositions serve any other world but that of music.

**OVERDONE**

In a review of gramophone recordings during 1946, Ralph Hill commented that "it seems impossible for gramophone companies to cooperate, any more than concert organisations. In these days of restricted output it seems senseless for two recordings of Brahms' 'Symphony No. 3' to be issued by two companies in the same month (Nov. 1946)." The companies concerned were HMV (Koussevitsky) and Decca (van Beinum). Hill preferred the latter because Koussevitsky treats the symphony as if it was by Koussevitsky, while van Beinum treats it as the composer intended it to be treated.

If it gets Hill's dander up when two separate companies issue recordings of the same work, I wonder how he reacted to the almost simultaneous issue of two similar recordings by the same company? In July, Columbia issued a recording of "Torna a Surriento (Come Back to Sorrento)" made by Luigi Infantino with the Philharmonia Orchestra (Patane cond.), and followed this up a month later with "Come Back to Sorrento (Torna a Surriento)" by Josef Locke, orchestra unspecified. The catalogue listings are DB2314 and DB2322 respectively.

**FROM LONDON**

Two short broadcasts in his series covering "The Growth of the Modern Orchestra" are being given by Hubert Foss this week in the Far Eastern Service of the BBC. At 2145 hours HK Time tonight, he will be presenting "The New Age—From Stravinsky onwards," while at 1935 hours Wednesday the programme deals with "Mozart—His later style."

**BEECHAM**

"As a small child, Thomas Beecham, one of the most popular of English operatic conductors today, showed not the slightest interest in music or the arts....In those early days, Tommy's chief interest in life seems to have been clothes. He was fascinated by the garments worn by his relatives and friends, and loved to steal up to his father's smoking room for the pleasure of gazing with awe at his Turkish smoking cap, with its long tassel, and his gold braided jacket."

"But the most important event in Tommy's young life occurred when he was six years old. He was taken to his first concert. It was a piano recital of music by Grieg, and to the little boy who had hitherto spent his childhood in quiet reverie, it was a sudden revelation of the beauty of music. He could not sleep that night....Piano lessons began, punctuated by thrilling stories from the operas, and of these Tommy could never hear enough....He had his first opportunity to place his feet upon the ladder of success (after he left Oxford University) by taking the place of the conductor of the famous Halle Orchestra in an emergency. The concert went off without a hitch."

"Years of study, travel, and a single-mindedness of purpose in perfecting his art have brought him fame. His innate love for music, allied to a distinctive personality as a conductor (not the least feature of which is his delightful sense of humour) have given him a popularity unrivalled by any other British operatic conductor. In a recent concert, he delighted the audience by offering a packet of chewing gum to the first listener who could name the music which he played as an encore!"—Barbara Conway.

**B.B.C. "PROMS"**

Last year's BBC experiment with a short season of Winter Promenade Concerts proved so successful that another season is being held this year, beginning this week. Once again, the music and most of the artists will be familiar.

This year the BBC Symphony Orchestra will be joined by the London Symphony Orchestra. Stamford Robinson will share the conductorship with Sir Adrian Boult and Basil Cameron.

Four recordings will be heard this week, all by the London Symphony Orchestra (Cameron cond.), from the Royal Albert Hall; they will be heard at the same time each day in the General Overseas service—2230 hours Hong Kong Time.

**Tuesday:**—A Tchaikovsky programme, consisting of the Polonaise from "Eugen Onegin"; Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor; and his Fourth Symphony. At the piano:—Eileen Joyce.

**Wednesday:**—A Bach programme, consisting of Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F (Arias: "My heart ever faithful"; Recit. and Chorale: "From Heaven a Song is Falling"; Aria: "O Yes, Just So"); Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F; Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor; and Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G for Strings. Soloists:—Elsie Sudaby (soprano), Kathleen Long (piano), George Stratton (violin), John McCarthy (oboe), Edward Walker (flute) and George Eskdale (trumpet).

**Thursday:**—Overture "Carnival Roman" (Berlioz); Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor; and Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E Minor. At the piano: Kendall Taylor.

**Friday:**—Overture "Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn); Violin Concerto (Delius); Symphony (William Walton, who will conduct the orchestra himself in this work). Soloist: Jean Pouquet (violin).

I recommend the 16- or 19-metre bands.

**QUOTE**

"I have long been of the opinion that the regular purchaser of gramophone records, whatever kind of music he is interested in, is, in general, the most intelligent and best-informed of all music-lovers, and certainly the keenest."—Alec Robertson.

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## Talking about Films

Mr. Sidney Bernstein, chairman of the Granada Theatres, Ltd., has just released for publication the results of a film questionnaire which he organised for the 50,000 children who, every week, attend the Saturday morning matinees in his various theatres.

"Do you like films with children in them?" asked Mr. Bernstein, and 92 per cent of the juveniles answered "Yes." When asked, in passing, to name their favourite radio programme, the kids joyfully plumped for "Just William," and that was that.

Now all this being so, there can be little doubt that the film *Just William's Luck*, which has just had its London opening, will prove to be a popular fare indeed with the youngsters. And what oldster unless his heart be exceptionally sour, will fail to chuckle at least now and again at this impossible account of the harum-scarum adventures of William Brown and his raffish little followers?

There is nothing praiseworthy about the picture beyond the fact that it is a faithful screen representation of Miss Richmal Crompton's wayward scamps and his activities, but that in itself is sufficient to earn my approbation. It is, in fact, a grossly absurd plot absurdly acted, and that is precisely why most will have a regard for it. There is little sense in being smart at the expense of a yarn primarily intended for children.

A likeable lad called William Graham plays the role of William. He and Ginger, Douglas, and Henry seem to enjoy their film work hugely, having a whale of a time haunting an old manor, scaring the wits out of a gang of fur-thieves—shades of "Hue and Cry!"—and trying to get their unsuspecting brothers married off to equally unsuspecting eligible females.

While on the subject of suitable entertainment for children, we ought to tell you that Mr. Rank's Children's Film Department is putting on several pictures made specially for children—pictures like, "The Boy who Stopped Niagara" and "Circus Boy."

"Build My Gallows High" has a plot which defies any attempt to follow its various ramifications. We have always considered ourselves to be possessed of an average quota of intelligence, but we assure you that, having seen this motion-picture, we found it necessary to refer to the synopsis to discover what the story was about. Even that was defeated. The yarn told in the synopsis was every bit as complicated as that depicted on the screen.

We do remember, however, that Mr. Robert Mitchum becomes involved with a sweet-faced little miss (Jane Greer), who thinks little of pulling out a gun and eliminating anybody she happens to dislike for some reason or other. Mr. Mitchum thinks her rather awful for doing this, but can't help loving her nonetheless.

As for the murders, we can't remember the lady's exact score, we know there were three people eliminated, but we have a vague idea that she was responsible for only two of these deaths, and that somebody else was muscling in on her little pastime.

There is no doubt about the ending of the story. Mr. Mitchum and Miss Greer hit a police barricade while travelling at high speed in their car, and just to make sure the couple are quite, quite dead, policemen pump a lot of machine-gun bullets into the wrecked car. As you can see, it is not a very pretty story.

## CHRISTMAS FILM

It is curious that while the theatre turns itself inside out at Christmas with pantomimes, children's plays, magicians, and jolly-well, sometimes jolly-revivals, the cinema barely notices the festive occasion.

The only film company that bothers regularly with Christmas shows is Walt Disney Inc. Every year it contrives to present a new feature. This year (although it has not reached Hong Kong yet) it is "Fun and Fancy Free," which celebrates the 20th birthday of Mickey Mouse.

Disney, himself, has a very special affection for Mickey, who first put him on the road to fame.

So it is only right that his supporting cast for "Fun and Fancy Free" should include Charlie McCarthy, Edgar Bergen, Dinah Shore, and Mortimer Snerd.

Mind you, although Mickey Mouse is now an established legend, he has had his troubles. The first two cartoons in which he appeared were flops. His "Mickey Mouse in the Trenches" was banned in Germany because "the wearing of German military helmets by an army of cats which oppose a militia of mice is offensive to the national dignity."

The dear old Hays Office also requested Disney to remove the udders from cows in a Mickey Mouse film. His "The Skeleton Dance" was banned in Denmark as "too macabre."

Those days are over now. Almost every film show attended by royalty has to include a Mickey Mouse. Queen Mary adores him.

## A Party Game

London reports that apart from the Disney fun and games, Wardour-street was a very gloomy place this Christmas.

As one morose mogul said:

"You'll have to find your own amusement next year. We shan't be offering you any."

That's not a bad idea, either.

## Shoe Shine

Shoe Shine, one of the four brilliant films that established Italy's remarkable film renaissance, is another study in human wreckage—this time, in the backwash of war.

The scene is Rome after the defeat, the chief characters two young shoe-blacks, typical of hundreds who buy cigarettes and chocolates from Americans, do little deals in the black market, sleep anywhere and eat when they can.

The two friends are tricked into taking part in a swindle and sent to a reformatory. The rest is a picture of conditions—vermin, malnutrition and injustice—all the more appalling for not being overdone. The officials are not villains like the sadist in that deplorable American work "Brute Force," they range from petty crooks and obscure bullies to kindly men defeated by circumstances and the system.

The director pulls no punches and suggests no short way back. He paints a picture of war's aftermath as tragic in its way as Goya's, and leaves the morel to speak for itself.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Tuesday, December 30, 1947. (31.12.47)
2. Major General G. K. Bourne (44), who has served in India, Java and Italy. (31.12.47)
3. Typhus Fever. The danger months in Japan for typhus are between November and May, and some isolated cases have already been reported. (30.12.47)
4. Camandas Island, a small rocky island off the Philippines. (29.12.47)
5. "1947N". (1.1.48)
6. On December 28, 1947. (1.1.48)
7. Mr. Barthrop is Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. (3.1.48)



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## Current Shows

Queen's and Alhambra—"Saratoga Trunk"—Could be worse; could be much better. Ingrid Bergman gives an outstanding performance in a struggle with a flimsy plot, and as a would-be adventuress falls easily into the arms of husky he-man gambler Gary Cooper. As a matter of fact, it is almost too easy: she lets him take her for a buggy-ride.

Lee Theatre—"An Ideal Husband."—An excellent reason for a journey through Wanchai. Paulette Goddard's newest film, made by Alexander Korda in technicolour. Diana Wynyard, Aubrey Smith and Michael Wilding are names which indicate the strength of the cast, while as to the merit of the film it is sufficient to say it is based on the Oscar Wilde play.

King's—"Down To Earth."—A skillful blend of improbability and fascination, with Rita Hayworth. Good entertainment.

Cathay.—"The Michigan Kid."—Whatever else may be said this full of action, with Victor McLaglen, Jon Hall, Rita Johnson and Andy Devine. There is nothing half-hearted in the producer's approach to this adaptation of the Rex Beach story.

Star—"Yank in the R.A.F."—If you are a Grable fan, this is among her best shows. To-night only.

Central.—"The Gentleman from Arizona."—A Westerner.

Majestic—"Fiesta."—Esther Williams in a story which includes a lot of nonsense and a lot of fun.

*Our Serial Story***THREE FOR LUCK**

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-policeman, who became a war hero, meets

ARTHUR MAYO (millionaire racehorse owner) on the ship from Dublin to Liverpool. Mike has seen Mayo talking to

"DIAMOND" HOTCHKISS, a racing crook. He warns Mayo against him. At Liverpool an attempt is made to kill

HAPPY MUNSTERMAN, Arthur Mayo's hot favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. An attempt is made to kill Mike (who was watching the horse being unloaded) by pushing him into the dock. He tries to see Mayo, but is obstructed by a girl. He makes up his mind to catch the millionaire if he waits all day. While sitting in the hotel lounge, a girl comes in.

She was tall and slim, with black hair cut in a pageboy bob, and eyes that were marmalade colour. He decided that she was rather beautiful. He wondered why he was wasting his time waiting for Arthur Mayo when there were girls like that about. He noted that she had neither wedding ring nor engagement ring. And she kept looking at him.

Soon she was joined by a man—a tall, elderly man with powerful shoulders and a look that Mike recognised. If you're not an ex-policeman, Mike thought, I'm a circus midget.

**"Can't Help"**

The two talked for a few moments. He had a hunch that they were talking about him. When they talked they always looked away from him. But afterwards the man would glance a little too casually in his direction. Acting on an impulse, he rose and walked over to them.

"Are you by any chance Mr. Arthur Mayo's secretary?" he asked, addressing the girl.

She looked at him steadily, not exactly resenting his intrusion—but certainly not welcoming it.

"I am not," she said after a moment's pause.

"I'm sorry. I thought that you might be—Please excuse me. But I particularly want to see him. If you don't know him, of course you can't help me. I'm sorry."

But he did not move at once. Instead, he looked her steadily in the eyes. (They were rather nice eyes to look into, anyway).

"I'm afraid I can't help you," she replied. But Mike had noted a faint hesitation in her voice, as if she were seeking words that would neither admit to acknowledgement of Mayo nor be a complete untruth.

The tall, burly man rose to his feet. Not threateningly—but, as if he were going to end the conversation pretty soon.

**Admission**

Mike riposted by sitting down at their table. The other man seemed slightly put off his balance by this action. He had obviously expected Mike to go, if not quietly, then in some other manner; but not that he would sit down.

"Listen, young lady," Mike said quickly. "If you're not the girl who spoke to me on the phone from Mayo's room just now, you sound remarkably like her. And I don't think that there are likely to be two girls with as attractive a voice in one hotel at the same time. Anyway, just in case you are. I want to tell you that I have a most valuable piece of information for Mr. Mayo, and I'm going to see him if I wait here until doomsday."

"Lots of people have pieces of information for him," she said....and then looked as if she could have bitten her tongue out.

"So you do know him?"

The tall man approached him from behind.

—By—  
**TRAVERS HUTCHIN**

"You're bothering this lady," he said quietly. "You'd better beat it—quick, before I fetch a policeman."

"Surely an ex-policeman doesn't need to call the police to throw another ex-policeman out?" Mike smiled sardonically.

"I think this gentleman is really trying to tell us something, Beevers," the girl said quietly.

"I am," responded Mike. "And it's rather nice to know that somebody is sufficiently intelligent at last to discover that."

"You are not exactly polite," she said, jolted by the emphasis that he put on the words "at last."

"I've been pushed into a dock this morning; your employer has had one of his horses killed; and a man has been murdered. I'm trying to find out whether he knows anything that would explain why all this happened, and also to try to warn him that his Derby horse is in danger. And I'm afraid the taste of that dock water has made me a little intolerant of obstruction from the members of Mayo's staff. So if you care to go and tell him these facts it would save me a lot of time. Because you see, I shall see him in the end, anyway—even if I have to go with the detective who is investigating the murder which was the cause of my present visit."

"A murder," the girl said. Her voice was low; shocked, but not hysterical.

"Yes. The man who unloaded Happy Munsterman from the ship on its arrival from Ireland was murdered."

"I am sorry. I am Moira Mayo. I will go and see my father at once. In fact, you had better come with me."

The man with her made a gesture of protest.

"It is quite all right, Beevers," she said. "I think we can trust this gentleman."

So you're old man Mayo's daughter, Mike thought, as they went up in the lift. Well, it won't do you any harm to be mistaken for the secretary. It may teach you not to say you'll ring a chap back when you have no intention of doing so.

Arthur Mayo was seated in the sitting-room of his suite. He showed no sign of surprise when his daughter brought Mike into the room.

"So you decided that he looked safe enough?" he said, with a smile to the girl.

"I'm afraid I gave her no option," said Mike. And he plunged straight into his story. Mayo's face was grave when he finished the narrative of the morning's events.

"Thank you for coming to see me, Mr. —. By the way, what is your name? We didn't get quite that far when we talked this morning, though you appeared to know mine."

"Mine is not so famous, you see. It is Sullivan—Mike Sullivan. I have come because until the war, as I told you, I was a policeman. And I have an idea which I want to pass on to my police colleagues if there is anything in it."

"Not Major Mike Sullivan—the Mad Paratrooper?" asked the girl.

Mike bowed. He did not quite know what to say to that. He was always embarrassed by references to his war escapades.

**A Mistake**

"And what is the theory, Mr. Sullivan?" asked May.

"I wondered whether you could tell me what that man Diamond Hotchkiss said to you last night."

"Nothing of any moment, I can assure you. He was talking mainly about racing superstitions—you know, lucky numbers and that kind of thing. He was quite a mine of information, and most interesting."

"Lucky numbers? The only number Diamond has ever looked after is number one."

"Oddly enough, number two seems to be his lucky number. I was telling him that my horse Happy Munsterman always travels in box number 2 of my travelling boxes. I only found out afterwards that a mistake had been made and Munsterman put in box number 3. This chap seemed most interested in our talk, I must say."

"He would be," said Mike grimly. "But it wasn't a very lucky number for the poor docker who was murdered when they tried to sabotage box number 2 thinking Munsterman was in it."

**A Friend**

Soon afterwards Mike took his leave of Mayo and hurried to the Liverpool City Police headquarters to see his old friend Tom Satterthwaite.

"Inspector Satterthwaite is very busy—can't see anybody," he was told at the entrance.

"Tell him that Mike Sullivan knows who is behind the murder of Billy Flood, the docker. And don't waste time, because it is urgent," he replied tersely. And in a few moments he was in Tom's room, where two other detectives were already in conference with their chief.

"We literally haven't a clue, Mike," said Tom, his brow drawn in a worried frown. "Somebody obviously got into the dock on a faked Dock Board permit. That's happened before, I'm afraid. But nobody seems to have noticed him."

"Flood's mates in the ship did not see anybody unusual about—but they were working on other jobs some distance from him. I don't think it was one of them—they seem an honest enough looking bunch. Mayo's stable chaps and other minions were all over the place, confusing the clues in that respect. An unusual face would not have been noticed."

"I'll tell you who is behind it, Tom," said Mike. "Diamond Hotchkiss, who is in every racket on the turf, and elsewhere too, is the man you want to watch. He sailed over from Dublin and was pumping Arthur Mayo in the bar about which horsebox Happy Munsterman was travelling in."

"Mayo told him it was box No. 2—as it should have been. But actually the horse was in Box 3, and so it is still safe. Hotchkiss didn't know that, and put one of his crowd on the job of sabotaging the wrong one. I'm convinced that is what happened—so get the boys out to look for Hotchkiss and find out who has been with him recently."

"But look, Mike, they wouldn't murder this docker just for a horse," protested Satterthwaite.

"Wouldn't they?" commented Mike grimly. "I gather that there is a king's ransom already laid on it. It would be worth hundreds of thousands of pounds to some people if it didn't run in the Guineas and the Derby."

The others looked at him, still doubtful.

"And don't forget that somebody tried to murder me as well, merely because I had spotted the cut rope, which was a vital clue. Surely you see the chain of consequences? The box falls because the rope was cut; I see the rope; as I am looking at it I am pushed into the water and a brick or something of the kind is thrown at my head. That seems clear enough. And if they would attempt one murder, unsuccessfully why assume that they did not also attempt the successful killing?"

"You're right, Mike," said Tom, after a pause. "The attempt on your life supplies the necessary proof that Flood's death was probably due to the attempt to kill the horse."

"And Diamond Hotchkiss's conversation with Mayo in the ship's bar is certainly tentative evidence of his interest in that horsebox," Mike pointed out. "Here you have a leading crook interested in the horse; an unsuccessful bid to nobble that same horse; an unsuccessful murder attempt; and a real murder. Damn it, man, it sticks out a mile. And Flood won't be the first

man who has died as a result of the Diamond Gang's work. In the days of the race gang nights more than one man lost his life at their hands."

**Convinced**

Satterthwaite was obviously convinced at last. He gave hurried instructions to his subordinates that Hotchkiss's movements since the boat had docked must be traced at all costs and his associates on that fateful day discovered.

"But you know as well as I do, Mike, that I just daren't lay a finger on him at the moment. He'd have me for an unlawful arrest in a jiffy. I can't pin a thing on him at the moment—a court wouldn't listen to our suspicions," he said gloomily.

"True enough," replied Sullivan. "But I'm not in the police force any longer. I'm not tied down to rules as much as you are—and I'm not going to let that crook try to bump me off without doing a bit in reply."

And, with that, he took his leave of Tom—whose face was a study of fear of an indiscreet action by Mike struggling with strong approval of his unorthodox ally's tough determination.

Mike returned to his own hotel. It was a small one in a back street. Since his only money at the moment was his Army gratuity, he was not wasting any of it on luxury.

After he had washed he went down to the bar for a drink. The day had passed quickly and it was now evening. He felt the need of a pint of beer.

When he had settled down at a table with his drink he looked tally round the bar. Most of the occupants were obviously commercial travellers, freshening themselves after their day's work. The atmosphere was hazy with smoke—some of the stories he heard from the groups around him seemed to be equally hazy.

He felt rather out of it all. All his neighbours in the room were in cheerful company, laughing and joking. All that is, except one trio, on whom his attention became fixed.

**Out Of Place**

They consisted of a very large, bull-necked specimen of manhood and two smaller, sleeker looking men. Mike knew the type of old. They seemed oddly out of place in this Liverpool commercial hotel. He would have expected to see them in a low-down club off Leicester-square—but not here.

The bull-necked man was clearly the boss. The others listened to him tentatively when he spoke—which was not often. Most of the time the three sat silently over their drink, as if waiting for something to happen.

But what particularly interested Mike was the big man's head. His brow swept sharply back in an ape-like fashion—swept back to hair that was so closely cropped that he appeared at first to be bald.

And Mike remembered the hasty glance that he had had, as he fell into the dock, of a bald or closely cropped head. His glimpse had been too brief, failing for him to identify the man—but closely-cropped heads were worth watching, especially when they were in the company of men who looked like West End crooks.

He wondered whether his imagination was running away with him. But he felt that the trio were as interested in him as he was in them. To test out his suspicion, he left the room and strolled into the hotel entrance. In a moment or two one of them was behind him, apparently reading a notice on the hotel bill-board. The girl in the reception desk called across to him.

"Mr. Sullivan, there's a gentleman on the phone for you. A Mr. Mayo," she said.

The man gazing at the notice board did not seem interested. A little too uninterested, Mike felt.

He went into the phone box.

"I wonder if you could come over and see me this evening, Major Sullivan," said Arthur Mayo. "There's something I should like to talk over with you. If you can spare half an hour about nine, I should be grateful."

Mike said that nothing could please him more, and added that there were certain things that he would like to tell Mayo.

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# Health Page

## SMOKING EVILS

The British Medical Journal reports experiments indicating that tobacco smoking interferes with the fertility of rats and men.

In the human cases the experimentors measured the activity of sperm and found that this movement decreased with smoking and reappeared when smoking was stopped. Lack of sperm activity is one of the numerous reasons assigned for human infertility.

The rats were injected with nicotine. This reduced the number of offspring about half.

These experiments top a long series by many different doctors and scientists on effects of tobacco smoking. Many suggest bad effects but none have claimed to prove these effects completely.

The late Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins made the most famous experiments, a study of more than 6,000 smokers. He was credited with declaring that these studies showed smoking shortened life.

But he did not say precisely that. He said that if the results should still be the same after his study included 100,000 human beings, then there would be proof that tobacco shortens life. Dr. Pearl died before completing the extended study.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, world famous surgeon, of New Orleans, has published medical charts showing that a curve drawn to show the increase in tobacco smoking is fairly well paralleled by a curve of the rise of cancer of the lungs.

Dr. Walter L. Mendenhall of Boston University found a steady effect on the nerves after two cigarettes and the reverse after too many were smoked. He set the safe limit at about half a pack per day.

Smoking has been shown to speed up the rate of breathing and the pulse rate. It has been shown to cause constriction of blood vessels. The latter finding was a war report in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Mayo Clinic scientists who made the report suggested it might not be a good thing to hand a cigarette to a wounded soldier because this constriction might be bad for some kinds of wounds.

Several studies have shown that the surface temperature of fingers and toes is often reduced, sometimes ten degrees, by smoking one or two cigarettes. But deep breathing also has been shown to cause similar temperature drops.

At the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, rats were subjected to smoke blown into their cages by a smoking machine. The smoked rats lived as long as the unsmoked, in fact averaged a bit longer lives. But the non-smoked rats were fatter and heavier.

Yale studies show that a smoke added a small bit of sugar to the blood, through the effect of the nicotine on adrenal glands. This sugar comes from the body stores. Sugar is an energy food and this study concludes that sugar might account for cases of relieving fatigue by taking a smoke.

## Organising World Health

Many nations received invaluable public assistance from the World Health Organisation during last year. Important progress was also made in the technical programme which had been mapped out. A review of the activities undertaken by the Organisation's Interim Commission during the past 12 months has just been published by its Director, Dr. Frank Caldecote.

Several activities formerly carried on by separate organisations have been amalgamated and numerous technical responsibilities of previous international health bodies correlated. The work of the League of Nations' Health Organisation, the International Office of Public Health and the Health Division

of UNRRA is now being done by the World Health Organisation.

Under a worldwide fellowship programme, with a capital of US\$1,500,000, 190 candidates have been selected by the Commission from nine nations. Some of these will follow special studies in Britain while others have been placed in Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia and the United States.

The Commission also provided special field services to aid health authorities in several countries. Medical missions were sent to China, Ethiopia, Greece, Italy, Austria, Poland and Hungary.

A spectacular demonstration of the benefits to be derived from many nations co-operating against a common disease danger was given in Egypt. A serious outbreak of cholera was confined within the country and brought under control within two months. It is the first time in medical history that an epidemic which spread at the rate of more than 1,000 new cases each day has been checked in so short a time.

Thirty-two tons of vaccine, blood plasma and other supplies urgently needed for treatment and prevention of cholera were sent to Egypt and neighbouring countries. More than 5,000,000 cubic centimetres of vaccine were delivered by air.

The Commission was set up by the International Health Conference which met in New York last year. Seventeen United Nations members and seven non-members have already ratified the W.H.O. Constitution. A World Health Assembly will be called as soon as the 20th United Nations member signs the ratification. This will be during the present year and arrangements are being made for the assembly to be held in the Western hemisphere.

## Trouble With The Thyroid

"I get so irritable and nervous, doctor I'm a worry to my husband and children," complained Mrs. Swinson, a young married mother of a pigeon pair.

"I've lost a stone in weight over the past three months, in spite of an enormous appetite. My husband tells me I'm getting to look like Joan Crawford about the eyes. My heart seems to be going quickly, too," she added.

I asked Mrs. Swinson to stretch out her hands in front of her, and I watched the tips of her fingers. They showed a fine tremor. Her pulse rate was half as rapid again as it should have been.

"Your trouble is in the thyroid gland," I told her. "But before we can start you on the modern treatment with thiouracil, I want you to see a pathologist and have a breathing test. If your thyroid is overactive, the test will show that your body cells are using more oxygen than normal."

"I was afraid I had a goitre, doctor. That's why I put off coming to you. I thought you might advise an operation."

"A general rule, operation is still the best treatment for goitre in older women, but wonderful results are being obtained by medical treatment in younger people. But like most other troubles, the sooner they are brought under control the better," I told her.

"Will this new treatment make my eyes less prominent?" asked Mrs. Swinson.

"Not usually," I told her. "But Joan Crawford's eyes won her film fame, so that should not be a disadvantage. The slight swelling of your neck won't be affected, either, but that will not be so noticeable when you regain normal weight as your general condition improves."

"How will the treatment affect me?" she asked.

"It will slow down your heart action, make you less excitable and nervous, and generally improve your health," I told her. "Thiouracil is a powerful drug, and you must see me once a week for the next few weeks. I want to keep a watch on your pulse rate and blood pressure, and I'll prick your finger each time you come so that I can control the effect of the drug on your blood cells. You must help me to help you by living a more quiet life."

# Children's Page

## A CHRISTMAS STORY

"The children at the Castle are going to have a Christmas tree" proclaimed Peter, "and it's going to be all a-dazzle with lights and things."

"Such things are not for us. They cost too much, but you are going to have a new pair of boots, which is more useful," his mother sighed, knowing how hard it was to manage.

On Christmas Eve, Peter's grandfather went into the wood, and after searching found a little fir-tree, standing like a fairy on one leg, wearing a crinoline of snow crystals. The old man dug it out carefully and carried it away. He walked through a wooden gate and up the garden path to his woodshed, where he left the tree.

After supper, when Peter had gone to bed, the old man went and fetched the little tree into the house. The mother dropped her sewing in surprise. She gazed at the green tree, in its perfect beauty. As for the fir-tree, it plucked up courage and looked around the room.

"I am going to buy things to hang on it, so you plant it for me. I am going to be extravagant for once." The grandfather laughed, and set off.

While he was gone, the mother planted it in plenty of soil in a big earthenware jar. After some time the old man came back with bulging pockets and a brown paper parcel. He took out his purchases, and he hung them on the tree so that it looked as if it had stepped straight out of Fairyland.

On the top of the tree he tied a midget of a doll, with a wisp of tinsel, while he placed a glass bird in the nest which he found in the tree. It quiver'd with delight, so that it sparkled and gleamed in the firelight.

Dawn came, and the mother prepared the breakfast. There was a patter of feet, the door burst open and Peter came in, carrying a bulging stocking in his hand.

"A Merry Christmas!" he exclaimed, hugging his mother and grandfather. Then he saw the fir-tree, standing as demure as a little girl in her first party frock, and he gave a shout.

"A Christmas tree! Where did it come from? How lovely! Oh! There is a nest—and there's a bird in it, too." He danced around the tree, singing.

"Just see if that bird has laid any eggs," said his smiling grandfather, and when Peter slipped his hand into the nest, he found a silver sixpence.

That was a day for the fir-tree to remember. It stood in the centre of the festivities, listening to the Christmas songs, and watching Christmas games.

In a few days the old grandfather took the fir-tree and planted it carefully in its original place, so that it stood firmly once more among its old companions for ever more.

(Rayburn Lim (12), Kowloon. Award\*\*).

## THE PIXIES' PARTY

Once upon a time in a little village in Fairyland, there lived a little pixie whose name was Tiddly-winks.

One day it was Tiddly-winks' birthday, and he did not want old Mr. Grumpy to come. Mr. Grumpy went to parties, picnics and dances whether he was invited or not, so Tiddly-winks felt sure that Mr. Grumpy would come to his party.

But Tiddly-winks thought of a plan. He would dig a big hole in the floor and put his dust bin on top, first making a hole in the bottom of the dust-bin. Then he would paint the bin a lovely green, and put a red velvet cloth on top, all ready for the party.

When the party started, of course Mr. Grumpy came. When Mr. Grumpy went to sit on the stool, as he thought it was, he fell right down through the hole. And that was the end of him.

And a kind pixie gave Tiddly-winks a big box of chocolates for getting rid of Mr. Grumpy.

(Veronica Hounsell, (8), Kowloon. Award\*\*).

## The Little Dragon

Children's Page: "Australian Woman's Mirror."

A Dragon lives in my picture-book—  
A little fat Dragon, with smiling look.  
I kn'w quite well,  
Could I work the spell,  
Which I must find out by hook  
or crook,  
That he'd hardly slit from his  
storybook  
On his junnu half-folded wings  
green-scaly,  
Up-and-down, butterfly-like and  
gaily,  
Over our pansies and mignonette,  
And I'll give him cake, and he'll  
be my pet,  
Sleep on my bed-rail like a  
perching fowl:  
When the Next-door Boy dares  
me to fight him,  
I'll soot my Dragon to fly and  
bite him;  
He's coward-custard—I know  
he'll howl!  
—Ex-Pic.

## A STORMY NIGHT

When I creep into my bed  
On a wild and windy night,  
When Dad has warmly tucked me in  
And switched out every light

I lie and listen to the wind,  
As it blows in sudden squalls,  
It bangs and rattles window-frames  
And shakes the very walls.

I listen to the drops of rain  
A-drumming on the glass;  
And softening all the noises of  
The vehicles that pass.

I think of helpless birds and beasts,  
Exposed to wind and rain;  
Of little shivering, homeless things  
That search for warmth, in vain.

And thoughts of sailors far at sea,  
Longing for dawn to break,  
Disturb my mind and move my heart,  
And keep me wide awake.

But when I've breathed a prayer and  
said,  
"Dear Father, please to keep  
Thy little children from all harm"—  
I then can go to sleep.  
(Parkash Chander (15), Hong Kong.  
Award \*\*\*.)

## CORRECTION

I regret to have to announce that the poem "Smokey", which appeared in last week's issue, has been credited to the wrong person.

"Smokey" was published in the Central British Schol's magazine "The Lion" in December, and the author was given as a little girl called Joyce Morris, aged 12. We are, therefore, awarding her the four stars we gave to William Higgs last week.

Boys and Girls, what about sending in YOUR contribution to the Children's Page?

For each original entry published we award you stars, and when you have received ten stars you will receive the Mystery Prize. It's great fun to see your own contributions printed.

Come on — who's coming in next week?

We publish these contributions in good faith, not knowing whether they are original or not.

*Auntie Vee*

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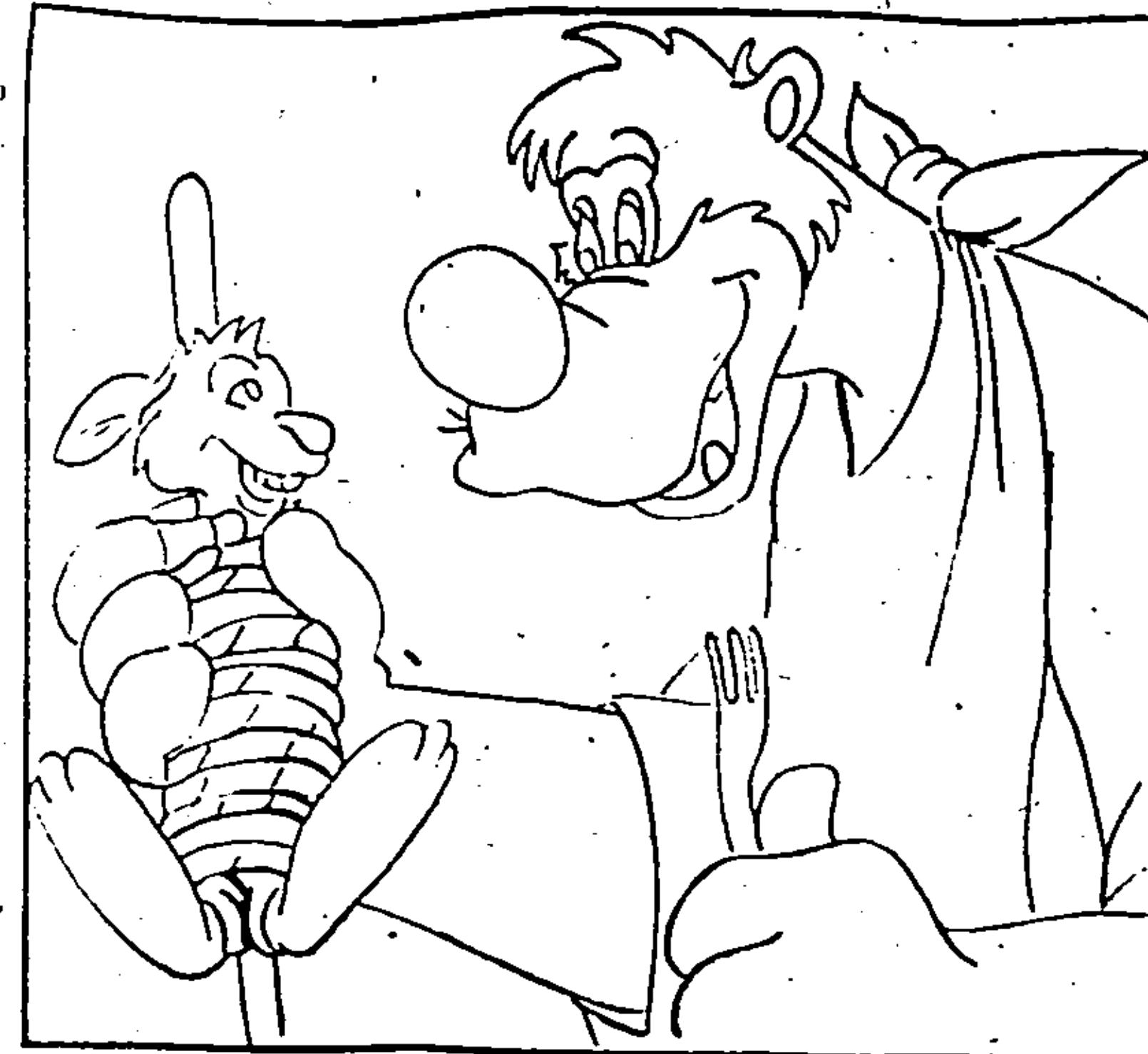
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## THE "COLD WAR" ANALYSED

For half a crown you may read the considered views of America's "unofficial Foreign Secretary" on the American-Russian crisis.

This is the price charged for "The Cold War," a study in U.S. foreign policy by Walter Lippmann, most authoritative of American commentators.

Mr. Lippmann is not always right. He was wrong when he said the British were maintaining a German army in their zone in order to fight Russia. He may be wrong in the thesis he propounds in this present study, though his argument is, as usual, lucid and reasonable.

He condemns the Truman Plan, which, he says, as a policy designed to "contain" the Soviet is certain to fail. It imposes upon America the duty of countering Russia when she indulges in power politics anywhere along her vast perimeter—whether in Turkey, Greece, Paria, the Far East, or any where else.

America's land forces could not possibly cope with such a task. They could perform it only with the aid of an army of satellites, clients, dependants, and puppets who would, at best, form a weak, immature, and unreliable coalition. Moreover, the strategic initiative would at all times rest with the Soviet Union.

The sponsors of the Truman Plan, says Mr. Lippmann, have ignored the fact that the world is faced not so much with a revolutionary Communist country as with a victorious Russia.

Stalin is not only the successor of Lenin but the heir of Peter the Great and all the Czars of all the Russias. As a result of the war and the peace treaties so far signed he has regained almost all that Russia lost in the first world war.

"It was the mighty power of the Red Army, not the ideology of Karl Marx, which enabled the Russian Government to expand its frontiers. It is the pressure of that army far beyond the new frontiers which makes the will of the Kremlin irresistible within the Russian sphere of influence."

The Communist Governments of Central and Eastern Europe, he says, are kept in power by the bayonets of the Red Army. He points out that the Communists have not won an election, except when the Red Army has been present to enforce their will.

### Withdraw the armies

Therefore, he argues, the withdrawal of the Red Army would transform the situation in Europe. The aim of American foreign policy should be to obtain this withdrawal, which would naturally also mean the withdrawal of the British and American armies from Europe. America would have a much more limited objective than that of the policy of containment. If Russia refused to evacuate, America would know that her purpose was world domination. If she did evacuate she would not re-enter Europe without committing an act of aggression which could bring on a general war.

Finally, Mr. Lippmann says that the Truman Plan is designed to operate after the peace treaties have been signed, but the Truman Plan does not constitute any settlement with Russia. There can be no peace and therefore no substitute for the United Nations.

Wrong is Mr. Lippmann's case, and very sound is he in parts. He is right

## New Books

in saying that the Truman Plan imposes an unlimited liability on his country. Exactly the same comment was made by *The Daily Mail* on the day Mr. Truman announced American aid to Greece and Turkey.

### Where will it stop?

It is also undeniable that Russia is pursuing the Imperialistic aims of the Czarist era, but the question is whether she will be satisfied to stop where the Czars stopped. Mr. Lippman appears to think so, but there is no guarantee from the Kremlin.

The American commentator also seriously underestimates the influence of Communism as an Idea. It is true that Communist movements on the Russian side of the Iron Curtain are bolstered up by the Red Army, but would they collapse if the Army were withdrawn?

The Army comprises the Four Columns, and the Communist movements the Fifth Column. That one Column is more dangerous than the other four.

Even though peace treaties were signed, does Mr. Lippmann really think the United Nations would work while the control of atomic energy remains unresolved? No study of foreign policy can be complete without taking that factor into account, yet Mr. Lippmann does not once mention the weapon that has changed the world.

\* *The Cold War*, by Walter Lippmann (Hamish Hamilton, 2s. 6d.).

### QUICK LOOKS

*Three Jolly Gentlemen*, by Louis Golding. (Hutchinson, 9s. 6d.).

Yet another novel about the delicious Isle of Capri. It is all very jolly and innocent, but not, I fear, the author's best work.

*Conquest of the Atom*, by Robert D. Potter. (Collins, 6s.).

Is the title ironic? I had imagined that the Atom was on the point of conquering us. Here is all that you need to know—and more than I can bear to be told—on this depressing subject.

*The Moment, and other essays*, by Virginia Woolf. (Hogarth Press, 10s. 6d.).

Essays and articles by the most distinguished woman writer of our period. The fact that, had she lived, Virginia Woolf herself might not have passed for publication many of these occasional pieces does not make them, from an admirer's point of view, any less interesting.

*An Innocent at Large*, by Bernard Holloway. (Sidgwick and Jackson, 7s. 6d.).

Lively, not to say skittish, comments on the Transatlantic scene by a native of Burslem whom "Punch" sent over to re-explore America.

*Foundations in the Dust*, by Seton Lloyd. (Oxford University Press, 15s.).

If stories of discovery delight you, I recommend this informative, sympathetic, smoothly written volume. It describes the achievements of a series of Englishmen who, since the beginning of the nineteenth century, have been excavating the past in the deserts of the Middle East—from Layard, who dug up the Assyrian Bull now in the British Museum, our own inimitable Dr. Woolley.

*Pavilion of Women*, by Pearl S. Buck. (Methuen, 10s. 6d.).

Pearl Buck at her best—just how good you think that is will depend on your opinion of the writer's previous novels. Here we exchange the life of the soil for the vicissitudes of a large, prosperous Chinese family living at the manor house.

### The Immortal Alice

This Christmas how many children had given to them for the first time "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass"?

Lucky innocents, they enter the mysterious and enchanted world that Lewis Carroll opens, as the author meant them to do, simply and unquestioningly; for few things seem odd in childhood and every story is credible if told us in the right spirit.

Not till much later, when we have read and re-read the books and have begun ourselves to curl at the edges while the creatures of Carroll's fancy remain always fresh and youthful, do we develop a certain inquisitiveness about the extraordinary human being whose imagination shaped them.

Of all the strange Victorians, Lewis Carroll—or, to give him his right name Charles Lutwidge Dodgson—was unquestionably among the strangest; and one may doubt whether he would have grown up as he did in any other period.

What would have happened to him at the present day? Some officious friend, I am afraid, might have hustled him off to see a psycho-analyst.

And the analyst, learning that this unmarried professor of mathematics spent his happiest hours playing with little girls (the prettiest he could pick out); that often, when visitors arrived, he was to be discovered with two or three favourites being a bear or a wolf underneath the table; finally, that such friendships were far more dear and important to him than any adult intimacy, would have looked exceedingly grave and proceeded to pulverise poor Dodgson with some of the grimdest and nastiest phrases in Dr. Freud's collected works.

The patient would then have gone mad or, if he survived the process of analysis, would have fallen back on mathematics and, perhaps, eventually have married a repellent local blue-stocking.

### Very Innocent

But, since the Victorians were extremely innocent—and to the modesty of the dove added something, now and then, of the instinctive wisdom of the serpent—the Reverent Charles Dodgson was allowed to go his way, become the spiritual father of Alice, and continue to amuse and flatter the little girls of Oxford. He was a lonely but not an unhappy character; and, without benefit of modern science, he managed somehow to struggle through to the sort of life that suited him.

Sad that, having so splendid a subject, Carroll's American biographer, Florence Becker Lennon, should have produced an attempt at critical portraiture as pretentious as it's woolly!

Nevertheless, one can excuse many shortcomings for the sake of some fascinating pieces of information which, if one looks hard enough, prove to be scattered through its pages. We learn much about the author's habits and moods, a great deal about the writing—and about the illustration too—of Carroll's classic volumes.

Besides a solid core of information—for which we must be grateful, even though it is wrapped up in fold after fold of pre-*literary* tissue paper—Lewis Carroll contains a number of pleasing and diverting anecdotes. For example, a story that reveals the mixture of seriousness and courtesy with which Carroll treated any young person who interested or attracted him:

"When a Mrs. MacFarlan was a little girl, she walked along a breakwater at Eastbourne, fell in, and soaked her clothes. She turned beside her sister, whom a strange elderly gentleman was sketching. He tore a corner of blotting paper from his notebook and said: 'I offer you this to blot yourself with!'"

There is something in the gravity of the question that seems to explain how a shy, awkward, cross-grained schoolboy became the greatest of all children's, and consequently of all Christmas, books.

### Under Review

Lewis Carroll. by Florence Becker Lennon. (Cassell, 15/-).

## A CRITIC OF THE SOVIET

In the spring of 1944 Victor Kravchenko put into execution a plan which he had been maturing in the Soviet Union through twenty years of increasing political disillusionment. He walked out of the office of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Washington—of which he was a distinguished member—broke with the Soviet regime at the risk of his life, and wrote a book about the Russia that he knew.

He knew a great deal, for he had been very close to the seat of power. Born the son of a revolutionary, he gravitated naturally into the Communist Party. As a skilled engineer, an able administrator and a dynamic personality, he soon became a valued member. He did the party's work wherever he was needed. He concealed his growing doubts—otherwise he would not have lived to write this book—and he survived the purges. He was given big jobs—the directorship of a metallurgical combine in the Urals, and later control of a group of industrial plants in Moscow. As chief of the munitions section attached to the Council of People's Commissars of the R.S.F.S.R., he was at the centre of authority. He was a Soviet "big shot."

His narrative—480 gripping pages—is an all-out indictment of the Soviet system as it has developed since the Revolution. He attacks it as the monstrous tyranny of a small group of power-hungry leaders controlling the party apparatus, and protected by a gigantic all-pervading police force.

He describes the web of spying and informing in which every section of Soviet life is entangled in order that the tyranny may be maintained. He tells how, as a member of a party commission sent to enforce grain collections in the early thirties, he found to his horror that the party was guilty of "inhumanity, violence and murder." He tells of the great purge of 1937, illuminating that grim episode as never before. He tells how he himself, with many others, was denounced, interrogated, and physically tortured in attempts to extract a confession of sabotage.

He tells, too, of the slave labour which provided the man-power in the Urals combine for which he was, responsible—part of a convict force which "Communists close to the Kremlin throne" estimated at fifteen millions.

To people already shorn of illusions about Russia, Kravchenko's personal testimony will come as no surprise. The evidence already known and published is sufficient to convict the Soviet regime of barbarous inhumanity in any impartial court of law. What Kravchenko does is to fill in the gaps, to complete the picture with authentic detail and comprehensive knowledge.

### MORE QUICK LOOKS

*The Five Arches*, by George Blake (Collins, 10s. 6d.).

A thoroughly workmanlike piece of plain, straightforward story-telling. A retired Scottish engineer comes home from the Far East, to find on Clydeside more complications and less contentment than he had expected when he bought his ticket.

*Greek Corus*, by W. P. Rilla (Secker and Warburg, 9s. 6d.).

An interesting, though somewhat pretentious and over-written, first novel, all about Bohemian nomads who have pitched their weatherworn tents between Bloomsbury and Soho. Characters include a wicked high-brow editor, double-faced and double-chinned, with a blonde, adoring satellite.

*The Failure*, by George Vaizey (Harrap, 10s. 6d.).

That Mother doesn't always know best is the only moral I can deduce from this long and harrowing story. Lorna took her mother's advice and married a man she was already growing tired of. Result: frustration, separation, and seldom a shilling for the gas-fire.

*History of the H. Island*, by Henry Hamilton. (Allen and Unwin, 18s.).

No. 4 of "Primers for the Age of Plenty," edited by Lancelot Hogben, is an excellent social history, packed with information. I have found the sections on the growth of trades unionism particularly rewarding.



A.P.

## MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1948.

## Eskimos Follow An Ageless Pattern

Without formal laws or government, in the grim and sometimes mysterious fastness of the North Pole region, Polar Eskimos are living together in the Concord which people the world over are today struggling to attain. Although nominally subject to the Danish Government since 1917, they manage their affairs according to their own pattern, centuries-old.

"They're the happiest people I've ever met," Commander Donald B. MacMillan told me when he returned a few weeks ago from revisiting these Eskimos in the course of his 25th expedition to the Far North. "They just don't seem to have any troubles. They sing and laugh, and nothing ever appears to bother them."

Only 305 of these primitive people survive today, and they adhere closely to customs followed by their fathers, with every detail of their living governed by the need of procuring food.

The best hunter of the community becomes a leader. The most successful wear polar bearskin pants, winter and summer. The polar bearskin may be too hot in the summer season, but that makes no difference. They are worn as a mark of distinction—a badge of prowess.

## Small Villages

Polar Eskimos live in small villages extending from Cape York to Etah, North Greenland, with the largest settlement of about 100 people located at Umanak. There are even two or three small villages at Inglefield Gulf, way up at about 77 degrees north latitude.

Miriam MacMillan, wife of the Commander, who shipped aboard the schooner Bowdoin last summer as a member of the crew, as she has done on four of her husband's previous expeditions, saw many changes in the Polar Eskimos' way of living since her first visit there in 1938.

Some of them at Umanak have acquired houses of wood to replace their igloos of rock and sod which were formerly their winter quarters. When I talked with Mrs. MacMillan, she attributed such changes to the influence of Danish missionaries and others coming into that area in recent years, although even now, these Polar people live more primitively than the Eskimos in South Greenland.

Since they eat meat almost exclusively, they depend upon hunting for their food. Most of this is done in summer, and then families move from their igloos into sealskin tents. Through the summer, they travel from place to place, going wherever they find food. If they want walrus, they go north, and settle there for a while. They net little auk (Arctic birds known also as dovekies) and hunt seal. Polar bears, however, they can get only in winter or in the spring when travel by dog team is permitted.

## Mighty Hunter

With food, the main concern, the happiest man in the North, according to the Commander, is the one who feeds many people. Only a mighty hunter can do that, so he is respected and looked up to.

If one family runs out of food, everyone packs up and moves over to a friend's where the larder is better supplied. This compliments the host, in the Eskimo view, and the visitors are welcomed. If he is "eaten out of house and home" then host and guests to-

A Primitive People Adhere to Customs of Their Fathers and Are Happy

By Helen Henley



Group of Polar Eskimos Living in Inglefield Gulf, North Greenland

gether pack up and move on to a third household which has been stocked by an even mightier provider.

A hostess's poise is never shaken by such arrivals, nor is she concerned about having enough guest rooms—in these Polar homes, everyone, including the children, sleeps on one big bed-platform.

Since the elderly necessarily depend on the young hunters for food, the greatest tragedy of the North, the MacMillans explained to me, is for a couple to be childless. But their friends don't merely sympathize. A family with many children will give a child or two to the less fortunate couple, and the foster mother and father bring them up as their own, and they in turn are assured of support in their old age.

## Tests of Strength

Sometimes, parents will betroth their children to one another at birth, and they marry at 14 or 15 years of age. In the past these people have practiced polygamy, but this custom may be changing along with others, as civilization moves closer.

If disputes arise, they are settled by wrestling or finger pulling—tests of strength which are bloodless contests.

Contrary to popular conception, the MacMillans informed me, the Polar Eskimos do not sleep through the long Arctic winter night.

"People don't realize," the Commander pointed out to me, "that for the same reason that the sun goes around in the sky and leaves the Arctic in darkness for six months of the year, for 12 days in each month the Arctic moon never sets. During those 12 moonlit days and nights, the Polar Eskimos go calling. They take their dog teams and visit their relatives, their sons and daughters and friends, and have a wonderful time."

One of the greatest thrills of the

He also saw Octag, an old man now, who was a valuable assistant to Peary for 18 years and the only one of the four Eskimos who stood with Peary at the North Pole who is still living. (Commander MacMillan was in charge of one of the support parties on Peary's successful expedition to the North Pole.)

The repeated comings of Donald B. MacMillan to their remote home through the long years have become a legend to the Polar Eskimos. The story is told again and again to their children in the dark igloos as they become old enough to listen. When the white schooner Bowdoin is sighted far off, the whole village piles into kajaks and anything else which floats, and goes out to meet her.

## Gifts To Friends

They know they are welcome aboard, and they bring gifts to their good friends—intricately decorated leather work, necklaces and trinkets of carved ivory, and other treasures of the North. The Bowdoin's host and hostess distribute to their visitors candy, gum, crackers, peanut butter, coffee, tea, soap—and colored candies, in which they take special delight.

While the MacMillans stay, the Eskimos refuse to sleep. They can sleep any time, they say, but the visit of these white people whom they love is all too short.

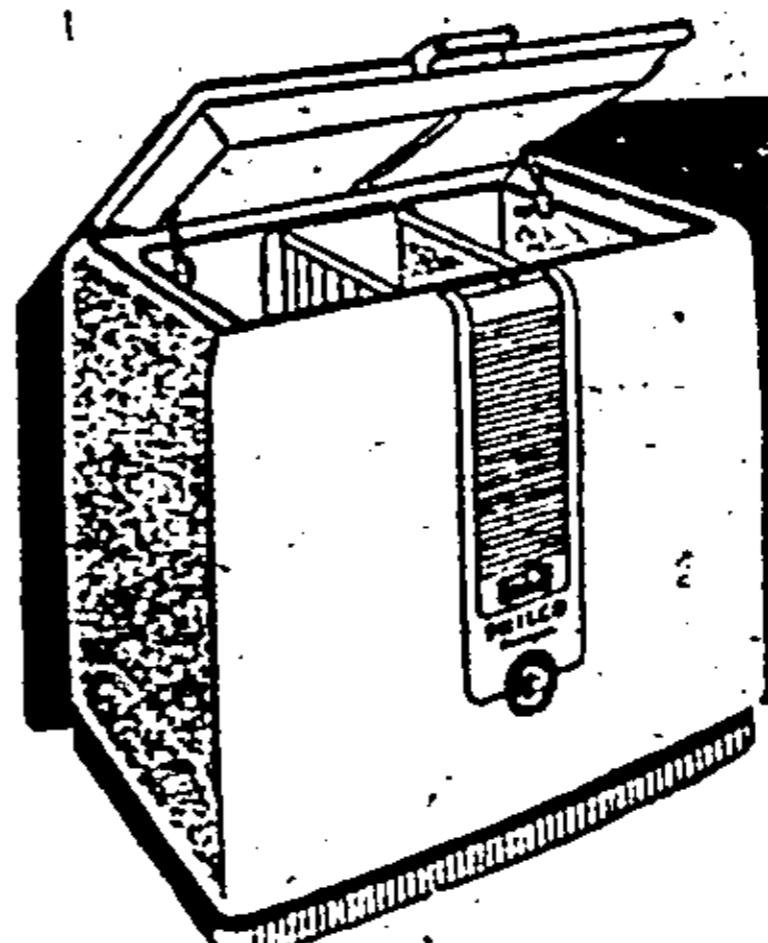
"They are a marvellous people in their own land," Commander MacMillan told me in a tone which bespoke his deep affection for them.

Some of their practical wisdom is expressed in the words of one Eskimo who said to him, "There's plenty of room. We never need to live with those we do not like. The world is large enough to hold us all." Perhaps the freedom they feel to live and travel only with "those they like" accounts in some measure for their happiness. —"Christian Science Monitor."

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"We must cultivate our garden."—Voltaire and Percy Lizard.

Why not add to your worries in the New Year by attempting to grow a few fragrant herbs?

Ah, those lovely old English names—viper's feverfew, toad's liquorice, old man's bed-socks, sweet simony, sorrel, sassafras, rape, bitter ague, cabbage, and stinking alimony! Who that has once learnt them as a child can remember them now in tranquillity?

Every town-dweller who possesses an old soap box can grow a few simple herbs—a gardening hint that Charles Darwin, the great naturalist, was once privileged to give to Queen Victoria.

"Every town-dweller who possesses an old soap box can grow a few simple herbs, your Majesty" said Charles Darwin, with a deep bow.

"Then that lets me out, because I haven't got an old soap-box," retorted Queen Victoria.

Not only are herbs useful today to disguise the taste of modern food, Elinor, but, like flowers they have a language of their own. For your guidance here is a short list of some common herbs and their meanings:

Ladies' Smock: "Aren't I clever! I've made this ball gown from an old bed-cord!"

Watercress: "Penny darling! half a crown for a small diluted whisky!"

Runny Gras: "I'm sick to death of calories, aren't you? What I need is a steak!"

Fumitory: "Would you mind awfully if I put your little dog in basic slaw I think?"

Medlar: "Please! Just now, but I think this dump is raided!"

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**NEWS QUIZ**

1. Do you remember which day this week saw the abdication of King Michael of Rumania?

2. Who has been appointed to lead the British Services Mission in Burma?

3. SCAP is taking steps to make sure that the recurring menace of a fever which used to be, and still is prevalent in Japan, should not spread this year. What fever is it they fear?

4. The shipwreck of the "Kina", and the rescue of her survivors, has been creating widespread sympathy both here and in Manila. What small island did the vessel strike?

5. The comet which has been sighted over England recently is reported by Copenhagen Observatory to have split. Greenwich Observatory does not confirm this report—do you know the "official" name of the comet?

6. King Victor Emmanuel, formerly King of Italy, died this week "of a broken heart". It is only a few weeks since the declaration of Italy as a Republic was announced. What day did the king die?

7. Mr. E. W. Barthrop, OBE, DSO visits the Colony this week. He has come to investigate labour problems, and in a Press conference he described labour costs in Hong Kong as "not high." What is Mr. Barthrop's official position?

(Answers in Page 4)

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

1. It has been proposed that a statue to the memory of the late President Roosevelt be erected in London. Two other American presidents are also commemorated in London. Do you know which two?

2. Can you name the six states of Australia?

3. Every small boy knows what FBI stands for, in his own language. But what does FBI represent in England?

4. Echo, before she became just An Echo, was a nymph who fell into the bad graces of Juno (which was an unfortunate thing to do) and was forbidden to use her tongue "Except for that one purpose you are so fond of—reply." This dictum had a fatal effect on poor Echo, besides considerably influencing the fate of her lover. Who was her lover?

5. The Salvation Army, founded in 1865 by General William Booth, is today established in 97 countries throughout the world. The name of The Salvation Army was taken in 1878, and before that the organisation was known as—what?

6. "Daughter am I in my mother's house, But mistress in my own" has been adapted for more mundane usage than was originally intended. Where did the phrase come from?

(Answers in Page 9)

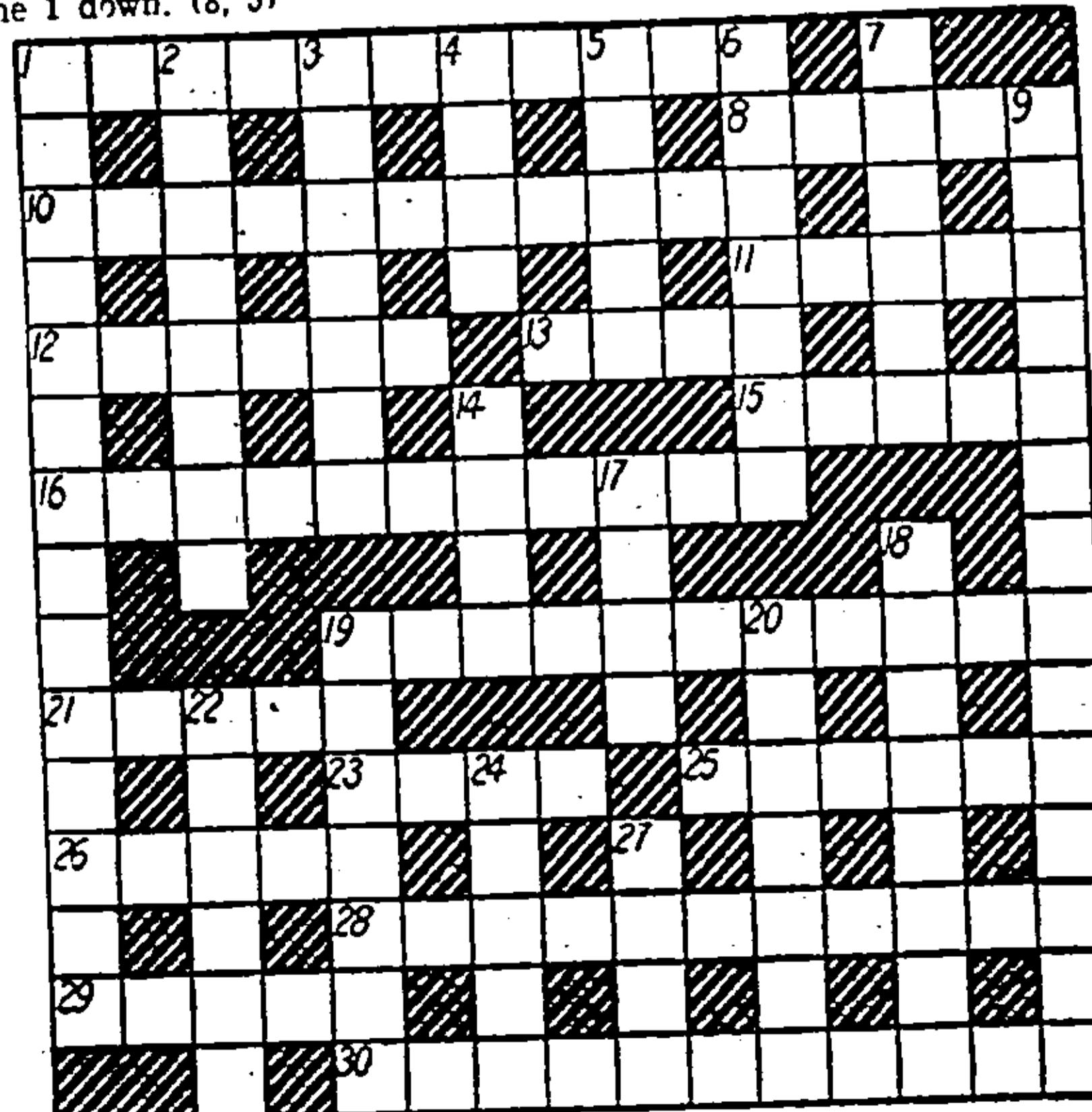
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ACROSS

1 8 30 as a magician. (6, 2, 3, 5)  
10 William of the Halls. (7, 4)  
11 So the choir's in divine vein. (5)  
12 Sarah's absent from the theatre practice. (6)  
13 See 9. (4)  
15 Hofer's land. (5)  
16 Such people certainly count. (11)  
19 The soup to disable? (6, 5)  
21 The bottom deck. (5)  
23 My! The Academy is first upset (4)  
25 Wearing dancing shoes; that's questioned. (6)  
26 His output might be large. (5)  
28 "One blast upon his bugle horn were worth a thousand men" (30). (8, 3)  
30 He was Unknown as producer of the 1 down. (8, 5)

DOWN

1 Even war volleys figure in them. (8, 6)  
2 The time when there's nothing on? (4, 4)  
3 Grain way in S.E. London. (3, 4)  
4 The beast encloses New York in stone. (4)  
5 In I went. (5)  
6 Listens, to the sergeant perhaps. (7)  
7 His coming was an idyll. (6)  
9, 13 Witikind's son (by 30), not the conqueror's brave foe. (6, 3, 9)  
14 In this game, you get away with nothing. (4)  
17 It's not repeated in 26's violin concerto. (4)  
18 Benedick was a favourite of his. (3, 5)  
19 Philip in Tudor poetry. (7)  
20 A bus 17 seen in jumps. (7)  
22 Leave as an envoy. (6)  
24 Cromwell's 23 was a new one. (5)  
27 This tongue's a bit of over-seasong. (4)



SOLUTION TO No. 36.—Across: 1 Marsha Pump. 6 10s. 9 Ins events, 10 Spin, 12 Cow, 13 Exterminate, 14 Should high, 18 Interpreters, 21 Riding glove, 23 Die, 24 Ossa, 25 Inventions, 26 Tune, 27 Respirator. Down: 1 Princess, 2 Rosewood, 3 Silver lining, 4 Pleat, 5 Motor-ship, 7 By-play, 8 Sunset, 11 Single-seater, 15 Emergence, 16 Headmost, 17 Assessor, 19 Try out, 20 Odds on, 22 One up.

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**BRIDGE**  
By YARBOROUGH

Bidding to show features on Slam hands, however elaborately conventional it may be, is of little help on hands with freakish distributions and in particular on those with a void in a suit. The individual cue bid should be used on these hands. Here is example from London where it was futile to use the Blackwood, and where ordinary cue bids would have given the precise information required for a Slam bid.

SOUTH (dealer). NORTH.

S. Q	S. A K J 9 x x x
H. none	H. K Q J
D K Q 9 x x x x	D. J 10 x
C. J 10 x x	C. none

South, the dealer, opened with Three Diamonds. West bid Four Clubs. North should now have bid Five Clubs to confirm Diamonds and show his void in this suit, but he actually bid Four No-trumps, which confirmed Diamonds but left his partner in the dark about his many losers in Clubs. Note that a bid of Five Clubs by North would have allowed the partners, if necessary, to stop in Five Diamonds. South in response to the Blackwood Four No-trumps, denied Aces by bidding Five Clubs, and North, in spite of this denial, bid Six Diamonds, shooting a Slam on the faint hope that something would happen. Something did happen because South had an unexpected void in Hearts. How simple it would have been to bid this Slam if North had bid Five Clubs instead of Four No-trumps, and if South had then avoided slaming off with Five Diamonds and responded with Five Hearts, another cue bid North could next have bid Five Spades and left to South the final bid of Six Diamonds. East held the Ace of Hearts and two other Aces and his partner had bid Four Clubs yet the Slam could not have been beaten.



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# BRITISH COMMUNISTS' PLAN

## Challenge To The Labour Government

### Cabinet Changes Advocated

London, Jan. 3. A drastic slashing of Britain's armed forces would permit large-scale housing and capital development programmes, achievement of the export targets and an increase in consumption, the British Communist Party "Three-Year Plan," published today, declared. Britain has been told by the Labour Government that the dollar crisis compels it to limit housing plans and reduce industrial development so as to free manpower and steel for the export drive which is to pay for food.

The arguments of the Cripps Plan are challenged by the Communists in their detailed counter-plan in preparation for their new campaign of internal opposition to the Labour Government.

The Communist solution of Britain's crisis is to reduce the armed forces which, under the present Governmental plans, will be down to 937,000 by the end of March, to 500,000 in the course of this year and eventually to 400,000.

**Big Fire In New York**

New York, Jan. 2. A major fire, which spread to two converted blocks of flats, blanketed New York's West Side at Columbus Circle, a few blocks north of Times Square, in dense smoke today, which firemen said was "the worst they had seen in 20 years of fighting fires."

A number of people, many in their nightclothes, scrambled down ladders to safety.

An 80-year-old woman leapt to safety into a life net.

Eight firemen were overcome by smoke.—Reuter.

Furthermore, the Communists say that another 500,000 women could be attracted into industry if they were immediately granted equal pay with men.

#### Optimistic

Their plan is based on the assumption that the total labour force can thus be increased this summer by 750,000, over last year's figure and by another 100,000 by 1950.

On this basis, the Communists have set optimistic production targets for housing, engineering, coal, steel, agriculture, exports and home consumption of industrial goods, but they do not mention food consumption.

Advocating extensive trade agreements with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, including British development credits to these countries the plan suggests that among British imports, raw materials such as scrap and timber should be given priority over food.

It also urges that British coal exports "must not be thrown indiscriminately into a general European pool either under the Marshall Plan or under any other arrangement."

The Communists conclude that such a programme can only be carried out by "changes in the Labour Government, eliminating those mainly responsible for the present right wing Labour imperialist policy and basing upon the progressive forces in the Labour Movement."

#### Blunt Retort

A blunt retort to the Communist challenge is published by the Labour "Daily Herald," in an editorial.

"If there is a section of opinion in this land which has forfeited the right to lecture to the people of Britain, that section is the Communist Party."

The paper says that differences about a possible reduction of the armed forces could exist among "good Socialists," but the Communists, whose performance in battle against Fascist shows plainly that they acknowledge no loyalty to their fellow countrymen, have not the faintest right to advise on this matter.

"To them no spectacle would be more pleasing than that of a militarily powerless Britain unable to resist pressure from outside of an anti-ideology which the Communists are preaching inside."

"The Communist 'Three Year Plan' is yet another attempt to undermine the position of Britain as the bulwark against dictatorship."—Reuter.



Three of the Big Four attended the dinner given by the Pilgrim Society in honour of Mr. George C. Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, at the Dorchester Hotel, London. Photo shows Mr. Marshall speaking, Mr. George Bidault, French Foreign Minister, is at left listening avidly, and centre, is Prime Minister Clement Attlee, reclining. (A Photo).

## Soviet Press Go To Town

Moscow, Jan. 3. Russian newspapers opened the New Year with the biggest and bitterest concentration yet of articles and cartoons lampooning and denouncing "warmongers," the "dollar imperialists" of the United States, and their "satellites."

Ilya Ehrenburg, writing in *prey*, were only "hired writers and hired murderers," but with the Soviet Union were the peoples of the whole world.

The cartoons of most newspapers, drawing a distinction between the peoples of nations and their leaders, denounced the Marshall Plan, and hailed as warmongers "and their agents," among others, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. James Byrnes, Sir Oswald Mosley, General Charles de Gaulle, Mr. John Foster Dulles and General Franco.

A *Trud* (organ of the Trade Union Central Committee) cartoon gathered them all together in a jazz band, under the baton of a cigar-smoking Wall Street, with a dollar sign in his hand, conducting the "Truman Symphony."

The Moscow fortnightly Bolshevik cartoon had an American "imperialist" holding a Christmas tree laden with atom bombs, a halter, chains and torches, with the words: "Summons to War".

*Izverg* displayed Uncle Sam of 1947, with the "secret" label on the atom bomb in his pocket, crossed out, handing over to Uncle Sam of 1948 a heavy load of inflation, higher prices and unemployment.—Reuter.

## U.S. MARINES MISSING

Tsingtao, Jan. 3. United States Marine Headquarters announced today that five Marines had been missing since Christmas Day and were feared to have fallen into the hands of Chinese Communists while on a hunting trip.

The party's jeep was found abandoned beyond authorised hunting limits.

Names of the missing men were withheld.—Associated Press.

## Warming Up The Army

London, Jan. 3. The War Office announces that, as a result of consultations with the Ministry of Fuel and Power, it has been found possible to increase the allocation of coal to the Army which should enable heating arrangements in barrack rooms and certain other army buildings to be improved.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons earlier this month, the Secretary for War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, said that the solid fuel available for the Army was not sufficient to maintain the necessary standard of heating in barrack rooms.

It was only right that the Army, like other consumers, should exercise the greatest possible economies.—Reuter.

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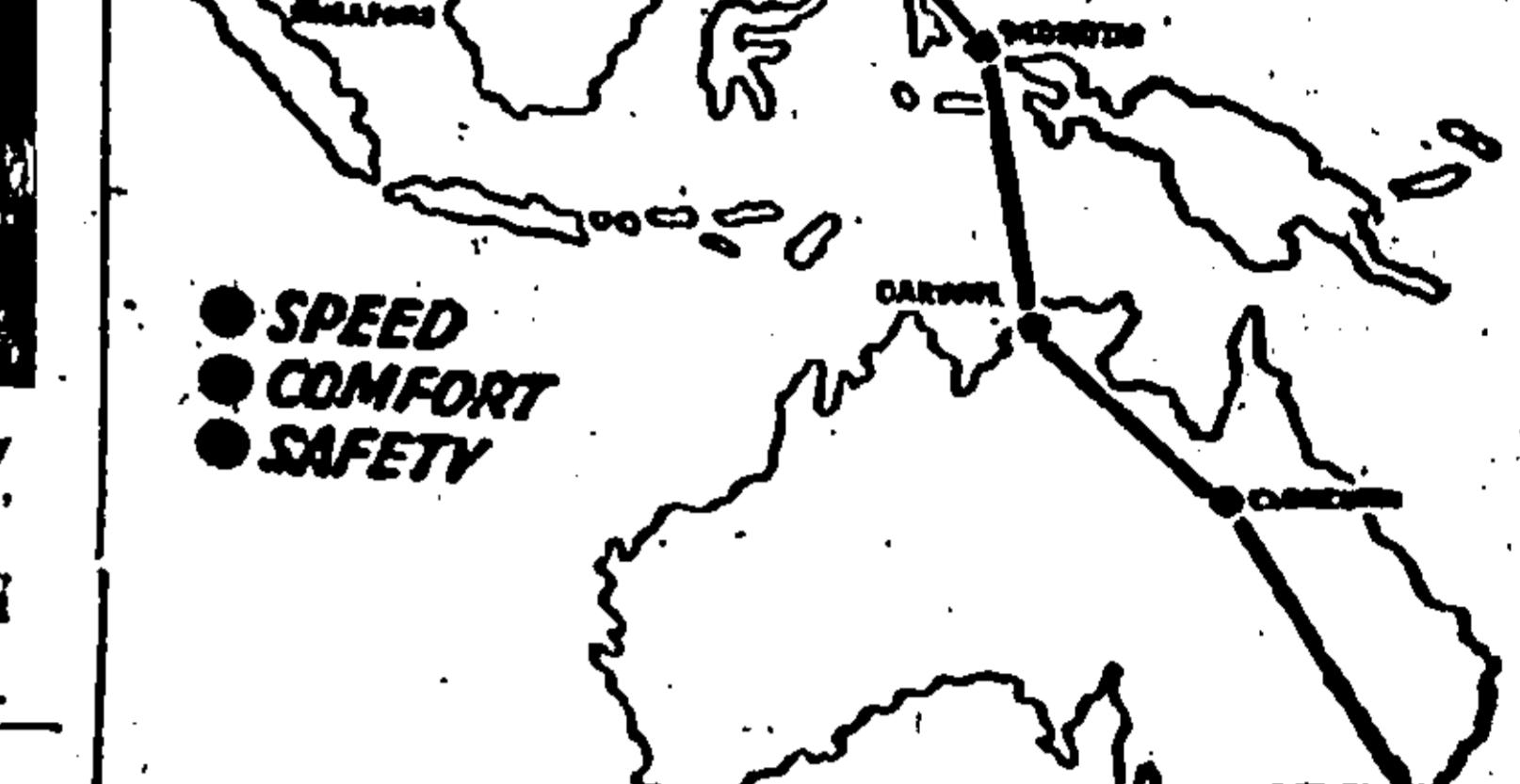
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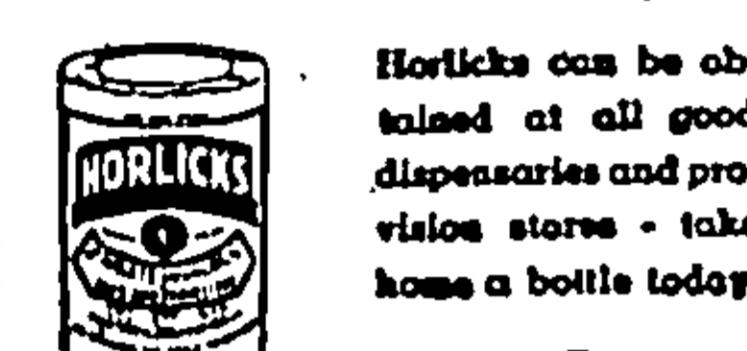
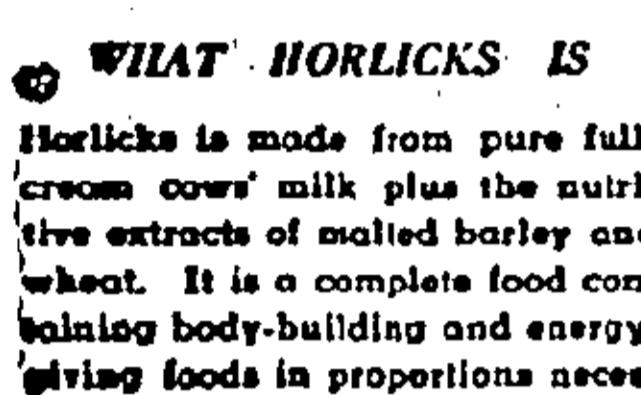
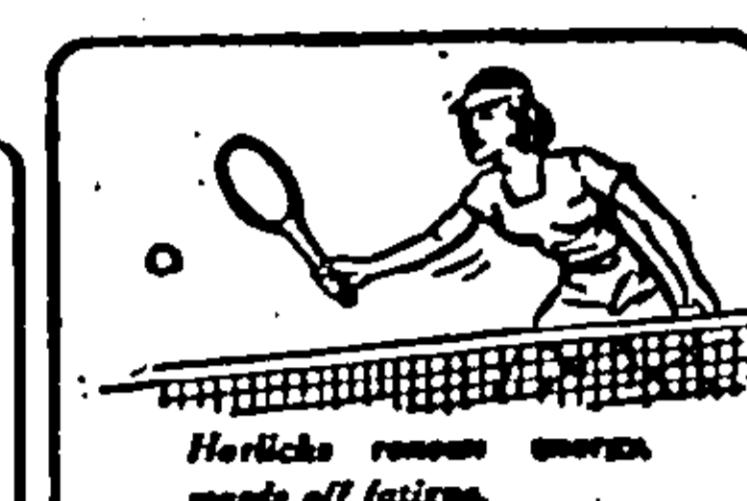
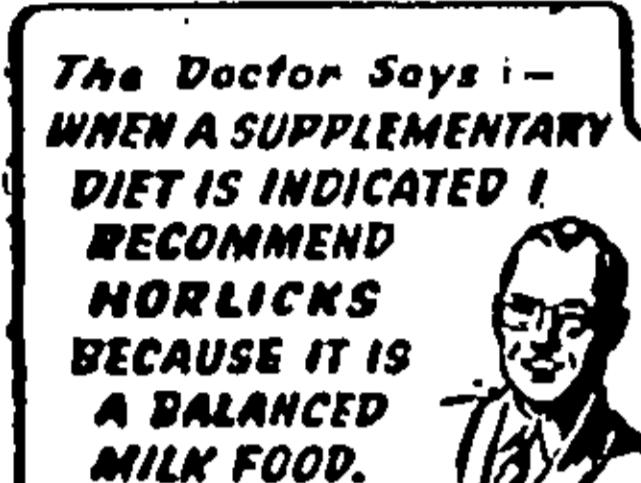
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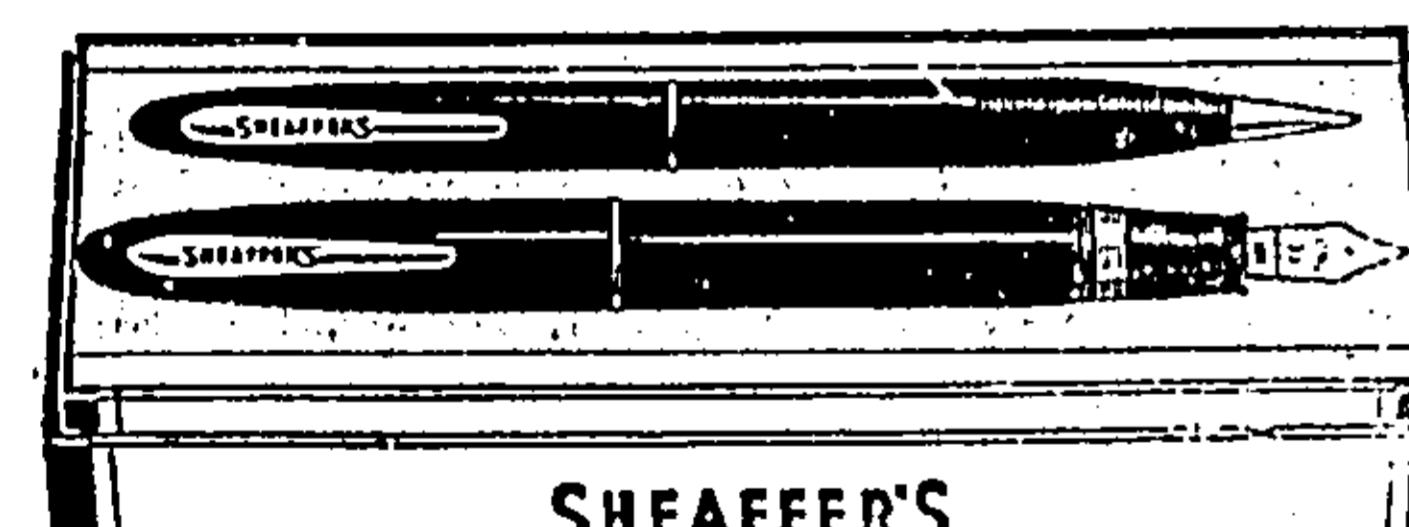
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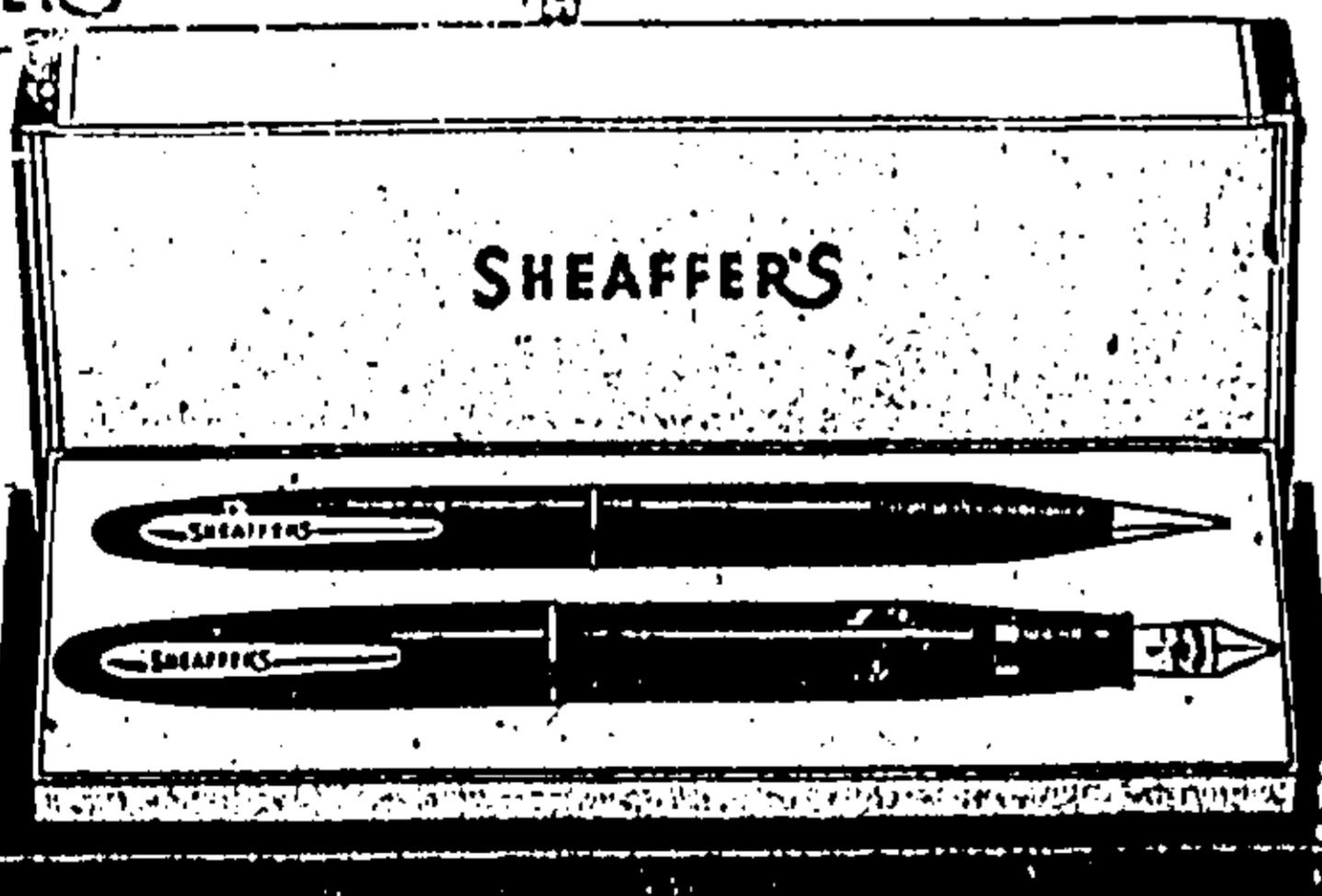
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## THE IRON CURTAIN CLANGS DOWN IN GERMANY

By A Special Correspondent

Berlin, Saturday.  
The gloomiest Christmas of all this year was that which sixteen million Germans tried to celebrate in the Soviet zone of Germany.

Hemmed in between the waste land that is New Poland in the east, and the now white frontier that separates them from western Germany, they know that the failure of the London Conference means a long grim siege for the compared with which winter is self is cheerful.

It is a siege with little chance of relief from the outside world about the Soviet zone of Germany?

In the western zones only a few thinking Germans share their misgivings; the egotistical majority either do not know or do not care what the east of Germany has suffered and is to suffer.

**All Grumblers**

They are too concerned with their own inconveniences, with trumpling at the Allies and hoping that a west bloc will at least mean recovery for them.

What are the differences between Bizonia (British, American, French), where democracy is said to bloom, and this other Russian-occupied realm which has been called after the SED ("Socialist Unity" Party which runs it) "Sedistan"?

To begin with, neither zone is nearly so well off materially as it was under the Nazis, and as love for democracy, like other love, goes through the stomach, the zone is craving for democracy if that means party politics in an empty stomach.

In that thought, and in want of unity, the east and west zones are of one mind—it detests the Allies who occupy them.

Bizonia, the land of six provinces and two free ports, with its capital in Frankfurt, is assured at least against dire famine.

**Bread Reserves**

There are six weeks' reserves of bread grain in the Ruhr, and a diet, mostly starch, of 1,450 calories, anyway gives Fritz the roughage.

He has grown accustomed to relying on the wheat pool in Chicago, and a national consulence that western Germany must export or starve simply does not exist.

Bizonia has exported to the value of £40,000,000 last year.

Perhaps goods to the value of £10,000 have been illicitly exported; but the bulk of the deficit on this very modest target has gone into the crazy economics of the black market.

An electric stove for a goose, a big two motor tyres, and a turkey to the mayor for managing a licence for the motor-car. That is now the economics of Bizonia work.

Helpless to stop corruption, circled by their own folk at home robbed right and left by their own staff and servants, the perplexed officials of the Control Commission see the Germans use their democratic liberties to scramble and cheat their way back towards a lost standard of living.

**Peaked Faces**

Those Germans who are tied to the work-bench and the public services watch this pantomime with peaked faces and hollow eyes, and in this silent audience the force of Bizonia the Communists hope to get their following.

Yet everything is not wrong with Bizonia—although the houses are crowded to the garrets with refugees, although corruption feeds on the illicit slaughtering, and bureaucracy and the language bar prevent a common understanding between victor and vanquished.

These Germans can listen with any wireless station; they can get the local lawyer to defend them in the Military Government's court; they can write to the Press without fear, and grumble in quietness and buses.

Even the Nazis know that there is a limit to their penalties, and that there is a desire for leniency.

But the men and women whom I met on the zonal frontier with the Allies who occupy them.

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**Eastern Muddle**

It is not so much the loss of liberties that appeals these silent trudging people, as they have enjoyed no liberties these twelve years.

It is the stench of the East. Its muddle and mystic appetite for spilling, stripping, reorganizing and then suddenly abandoning to oblivion—it is the uncanny senselessness of it!

Even General Winter has not

"They have made a new playground in our village. We pointed out that we had one already; but the new one still has to be built," said the schoolmaster.

"They made me plough when my field was still two inches under water," said the farmer. "I broke an axle. To deliver up my potato quota, I had to buy from the neighbour."

"They have formed a cooperative in our town," says an other traveller. "It is opened by the SED Party, and it has a licence to slaughter near the premises. It gets groceries from the small traders who can't get it all part of the programme to regiment and control us."

**Soldier Guard**

"In my town," says another, "we are half of us spies for the Socialist Unity Party and the police. Only we don't know which half is which."

The little milliner complaining to a friend in Berlin: "I've been making a dress for the Soviet Commandant's wife. They gave me a sack of coal so that I might work all night till it was finished and a soldier in the room to see that I did."

Then there are the special NKVD courts, which are independent even of the Soviet Military Government, and the seven concentration camps which no even chaplain can visit.

A friend of mine just missed one of those camps after he tried to recover his piano from a German official in the Soviet zone. It had found its way into the official's drawing-room.

My friend left again hurriedly for Berlin, and within a few days the local police had a case basically framed against him for trying to steal a piano.

"Be outside the police station at 8.30! Carry blankets and eating utensils."

That is a direction to labour shown to me in Berlin by a German worker. He did not know whether he was being sent to the Soviet Union or to work in a radium mine.

Although the wireless sets in the Soviet zone only get Berlin, with the bosses of Sedistan are Jannings, Hamburg radio and Frankfurt, the rumours of danger spread in the Soviet zone with the speed of sound.

Even General Winter has not

entirely stopped the flow of panic stricken or hungry people from Sedistan to Bizonia.

General Sir Brian Robertson has neither the soldiers to do so nor the intention of stopping tramped through the Iron Curtain.

**Work Shy**

General Lucius Clay, who does not change his mind easily, still believes that these people are mostly "work shy," and that it is certainly not easy to absorb people indefinitely.

Mr. Molotov, after brief discussions with the officials who are responsible to him for running the Soviet zone, has flown back to Moscow.

He has left the Christian Democrats shivering but valiantly determined to maintain their independence of action as long as it is humanly possible.

He has left a whole zone of sixteen million people uncertain what future Moscow holds in store for them.

Are they to be made a glacier, a waste land as a buffer between the Soviet sphere of influence and the West, or is Sedistan to become a model farm to advertise Communism, or is it to become a glacier disguised as a model farm?

Is it perhaps to be something more than other political air strip for Communism to rest and reflect for its onslaught on the Western zones and that great prize of power politics, the Ruhr?

**State Play**

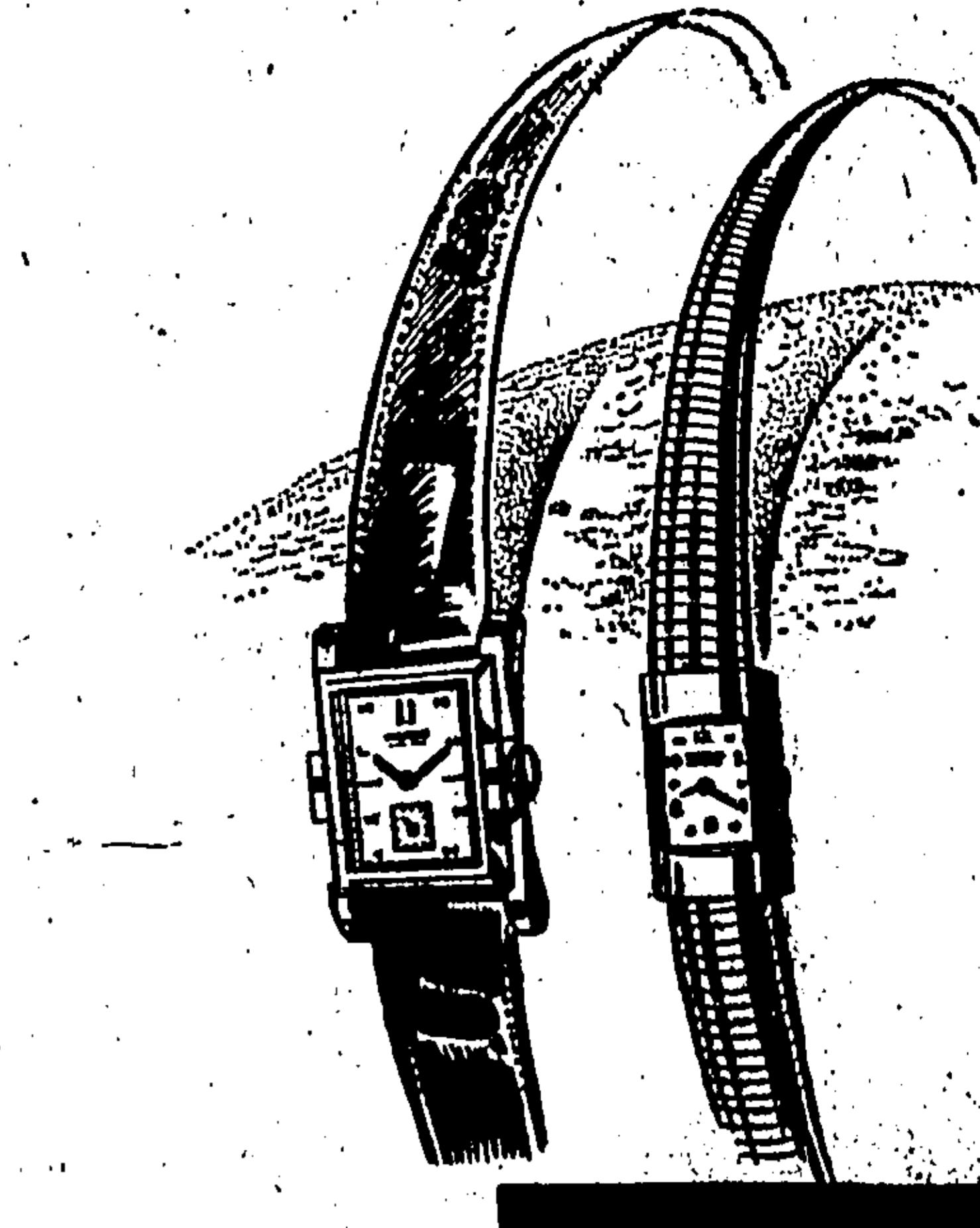
Are the Russian-occupied officers of the Semytitz Army to make the first stage here of their reconquest of Germany, like Colonel Luitpold Ulrich, who has arrived to wrest control of the Christian Democrats from Jacob Kranz?

The families of Leipzig, Dresden and Brandenburg know that their lot will be much the same whatever course is taken.

Their work and play, and food and drink, are going to be more and more State organised.

The SED and the Soviet Commandants will be the dispensers of the necessities of life; they will lay down the will of the people and set it to music, and with a forced grin, the Germans will do as they are told.

The bridges, with the rest of Europe, are almost broken, and in the New Year these sixteen million will simply become an instrument of Soviet world policy.



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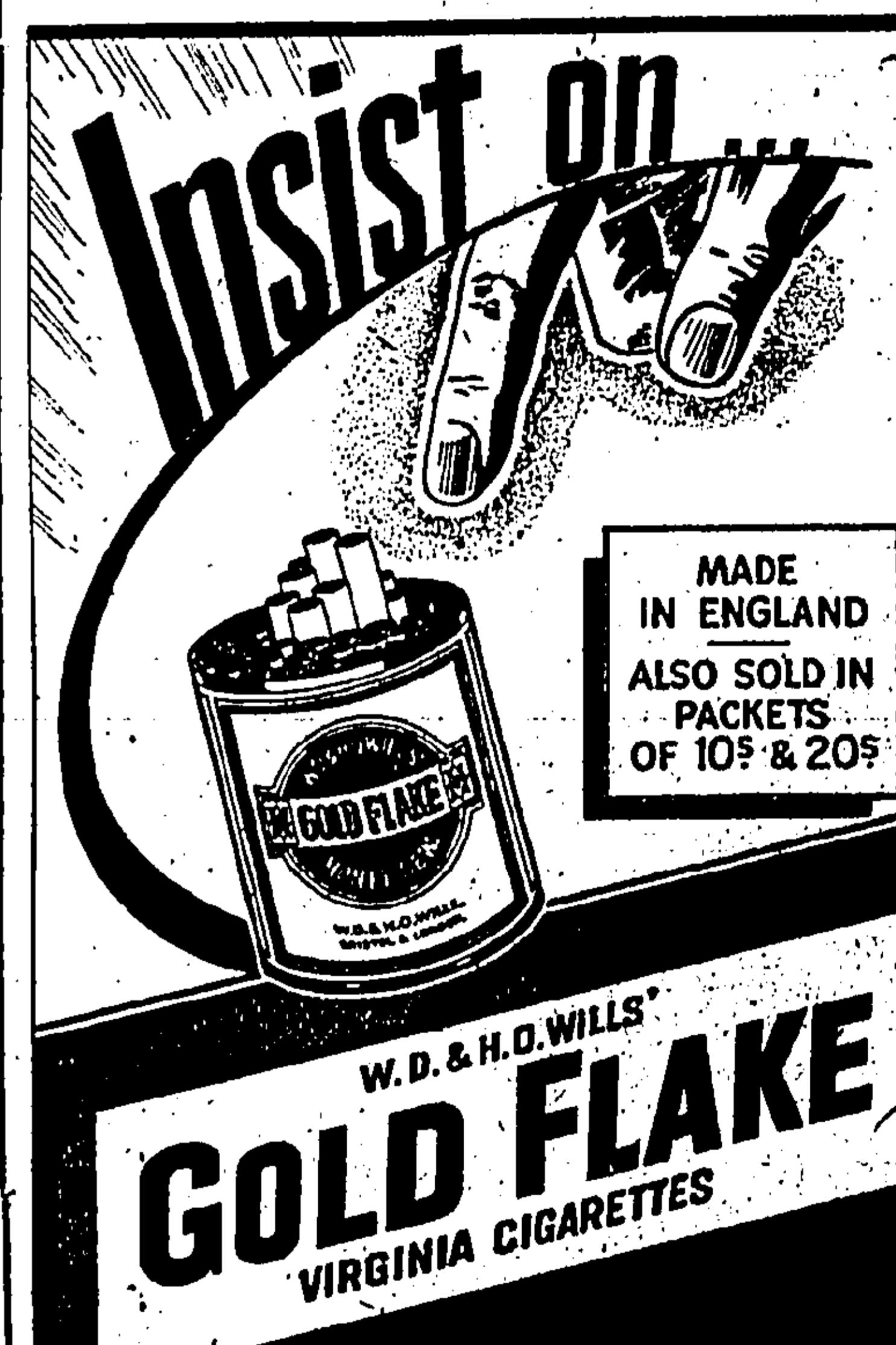
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Important, too, is the relief of the millions of starving and destitute. It is Government's responsibility to solve all these questions.

Factories lack raw material and capital. Government cannot say it is powerless to help, and just look on while production drops lower and lower and unemployment figures rise higher and higher. The vast agricultural masses are also in urgent need of help to boost farm production. A solution must be found to encourage them. A way must be found to bring about a reduction in the taxes imposed on them.

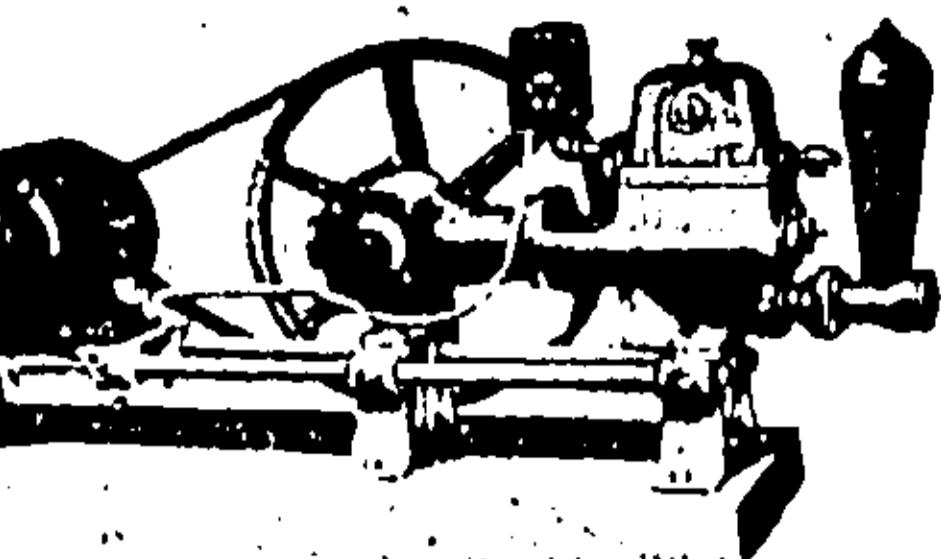
The Constitution also has adequate provisions for educational and cultural development. At present, however, priority appears to have been given to other matters such as military education. Education is the backbone of a nation and has the most important bearing on future generations. Government should provide more financial aids since, as far as progress can be made in educational and cultural fields. This is of vital

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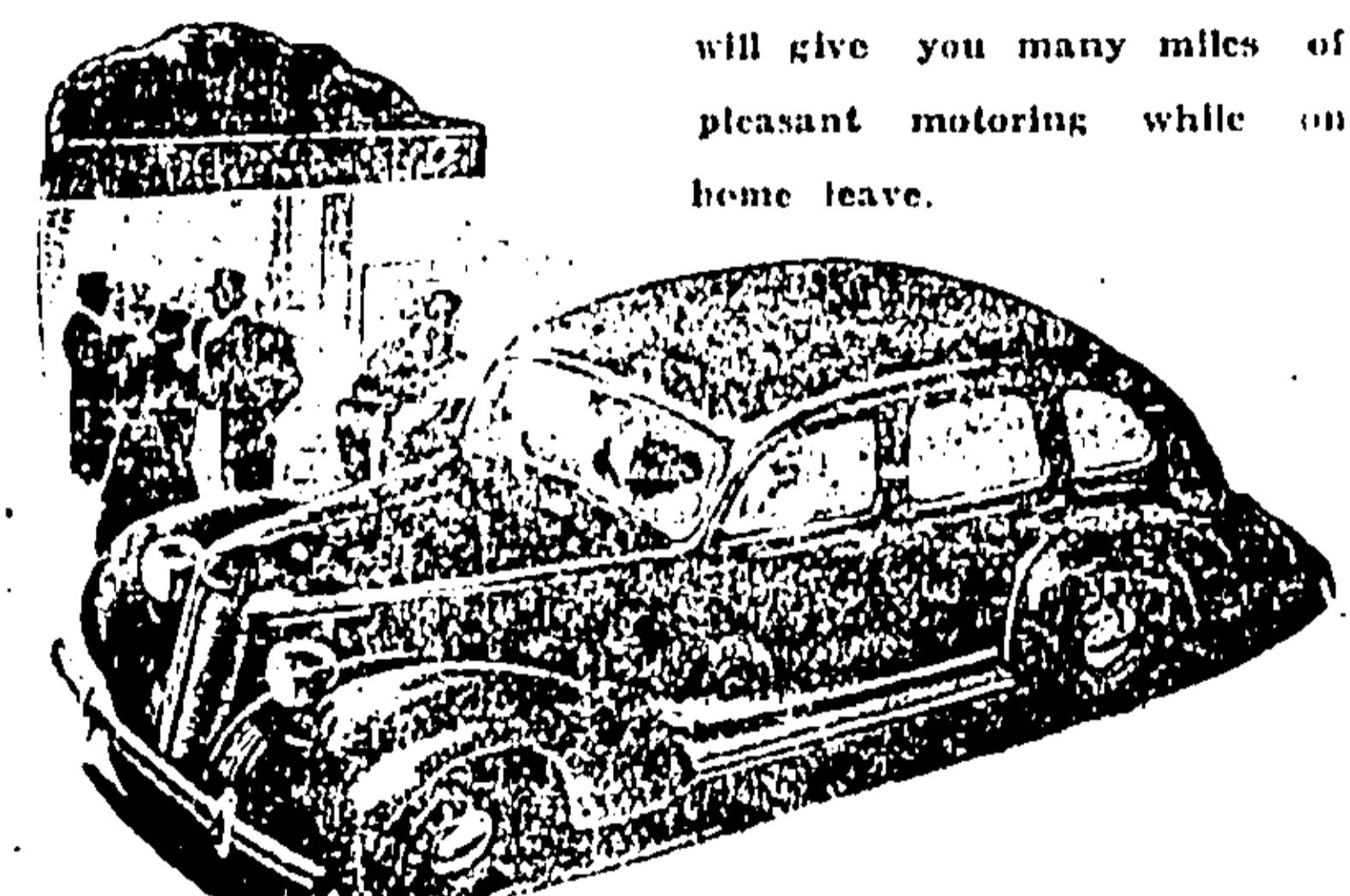
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Moscow On Aims Of American Occupation  
"Elimination" Of Other Powers

London, Jan. 3. The United States aimed to remain master in Japan and had eliminated all the other great powers from participation in the occupation and control of that country, Professor Eldus, the Soviet historian, declared in a lecture quoted by Moscow Radio today.

The United States had emerged as the sole trustee of Japan and "the arbiter of her fate" as the time approached for the conclusion of a peace treaty, Professor Eldus said.

"In the Britain supported the American policy in the Far East, there were growing differences between the two powers, he went on.

"It is quite natural that British capitalists are alarmed at this."

The British oppose the United States' intention to convert Japan into an East Asiatic workshop, competing with other East Asiatic countries including the British colonies.

"However, the mask of friendly relations hides profound contradictions between the two countries. In particular, these contradictions are clearly displayed in Japan.

## British "Alarm"

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## BING STILL FAVOURITE

Hollywood, Jan. 3. Bing Crosby was the screen's box office favourite for the fourth successive year, the 1947 American Film Trade Journal "Motion Picture Herald" announced today after a poll of exhibitors.

Others on the poll in the order of their popularity were: Betty Grable, Ingrid Bergman, Gary Cooper, Humphrey Bogart, Bob Hope, Clark Gable and Alan Ladd.—Reuter.

## Talks On Merger In Germany

London, Jan. 3. Competent French informants said today that Great Britain, the United States and France had started informal talks on the merger of the three Western occupation zones of Germany.

The informants said the talks were being conducted in normal diplomatic channels and at this stage were tentative. They were intended primarily to establish a basis for the conclusion of the eventual merger of the Anglo-American Zones with the French Zone.

The talks also would include prospects of economic progress in Germany after the expected merger.—United Press.

## MALAYAN GRANT

Singapore, Jan. 3. Any one in the Malayan Union or Singapore who was kept out of a job during the Japanese occupation because of previous military service with the British is to receive a special Government grant, according to an announcement made by local authorities. A joint tribunal has been set up to hear claims.—Associated Press.

**FRANCO-U.S. PACT FOR INTERIM AID**

Paris, Jan. 3. A US\$300,000,000 Franco-American interim aid agreement, which makes provision for the immediate shipment to France of food, fuel, medical supplies, fertilisers and seeds was signed here tonight by the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the American Ambassador to France, Mr. Jefferson Caffery.

Signing the agreement, which implements the Foreign Aid Act of 1947 approved by Congress on Dec. 17, Mr. Caffery said that, while France had made encouraging progress towards economic recovery, it was evident some months ago that unless something were done quickly by the United States, French wheat imports would be cut and coal and petrol imports substantially decreased, and possibly even entirely eliminated.

He added: "A crisis was impending which, unless resolved would have resulted in a further reduction in the already inadequate diet of the French people, in the closing of factories with resulting unemployment and impairment of transportation through the lack of fuel."

"The agreement which we have signed today is in the nature of a response by the American people to this emergency situation."



Firemen fight the blaze after Arabs had set fire to a Jewish store a few yards from the Central Police Barracks (seen in background behind steel fence and barricade) during anti-partition rioting in Jerusalem on Dec. 13. This fresh outbreak of terrorism inflicted no casualties but the structure of the store was gutted by fire. A few minutes later, Jews bombed an Arab shop at Damascus gate, killing six and injuring many others. (A Photo).

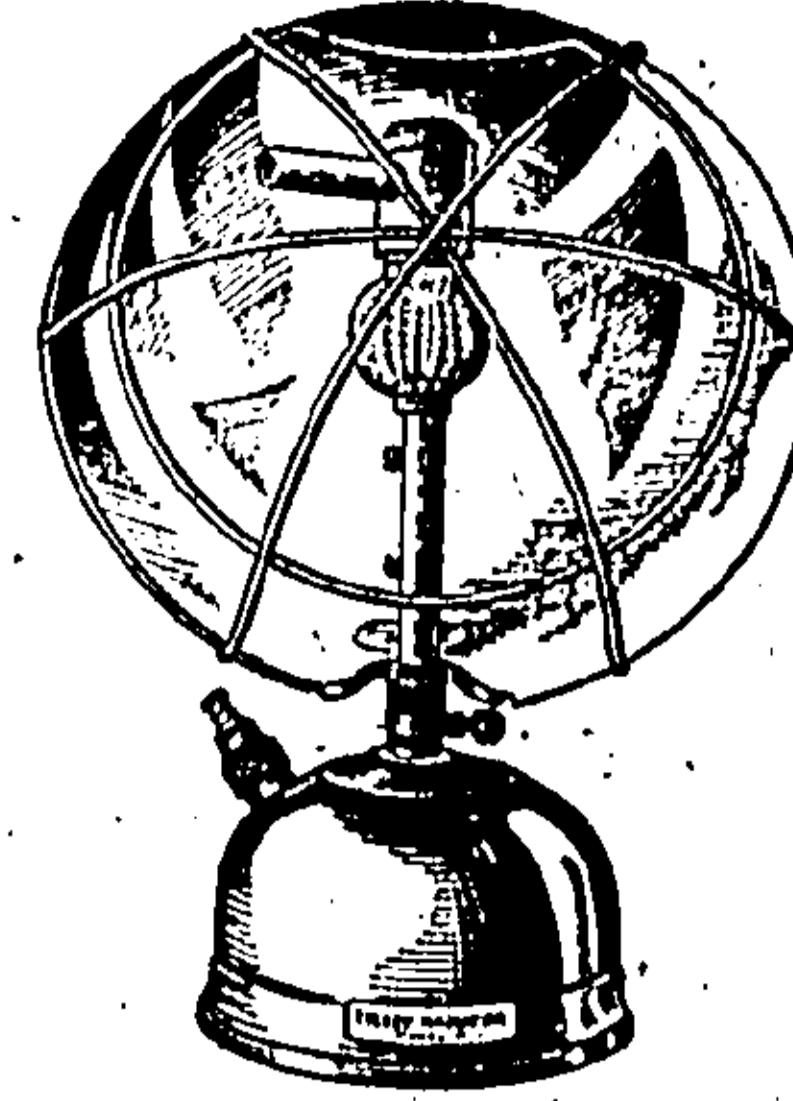
## CYCLE PIONEER

London, Jan. 3. Mrs. Julia Brechall, aged 65, who was the to ride a bicycle in Guernsey, died yesterday riding a bicycle.

Her brother, one of the Channel Islands' cycling pioneers, fell dead from a cycle at almost the same spot some years ago.—Reuter.

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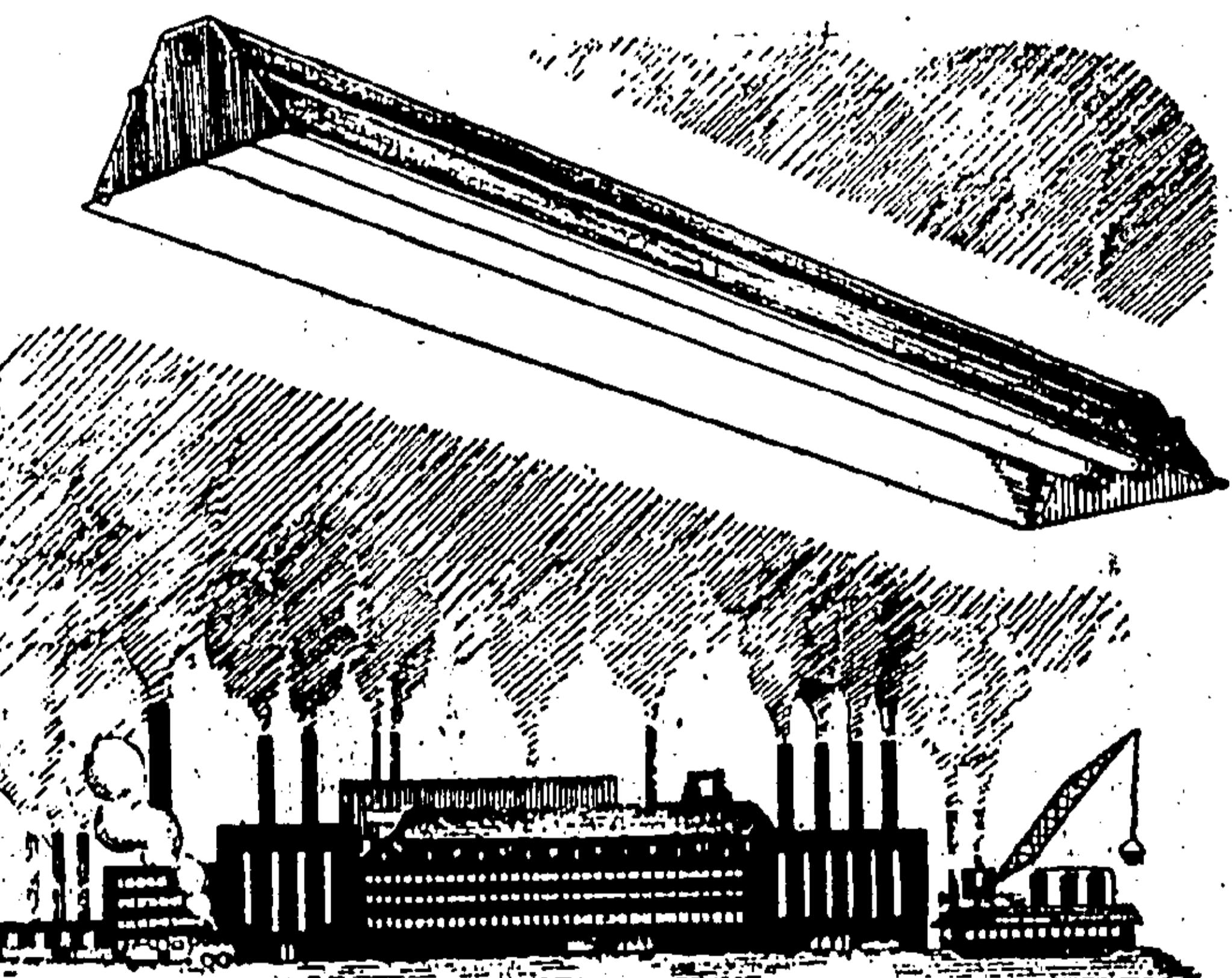
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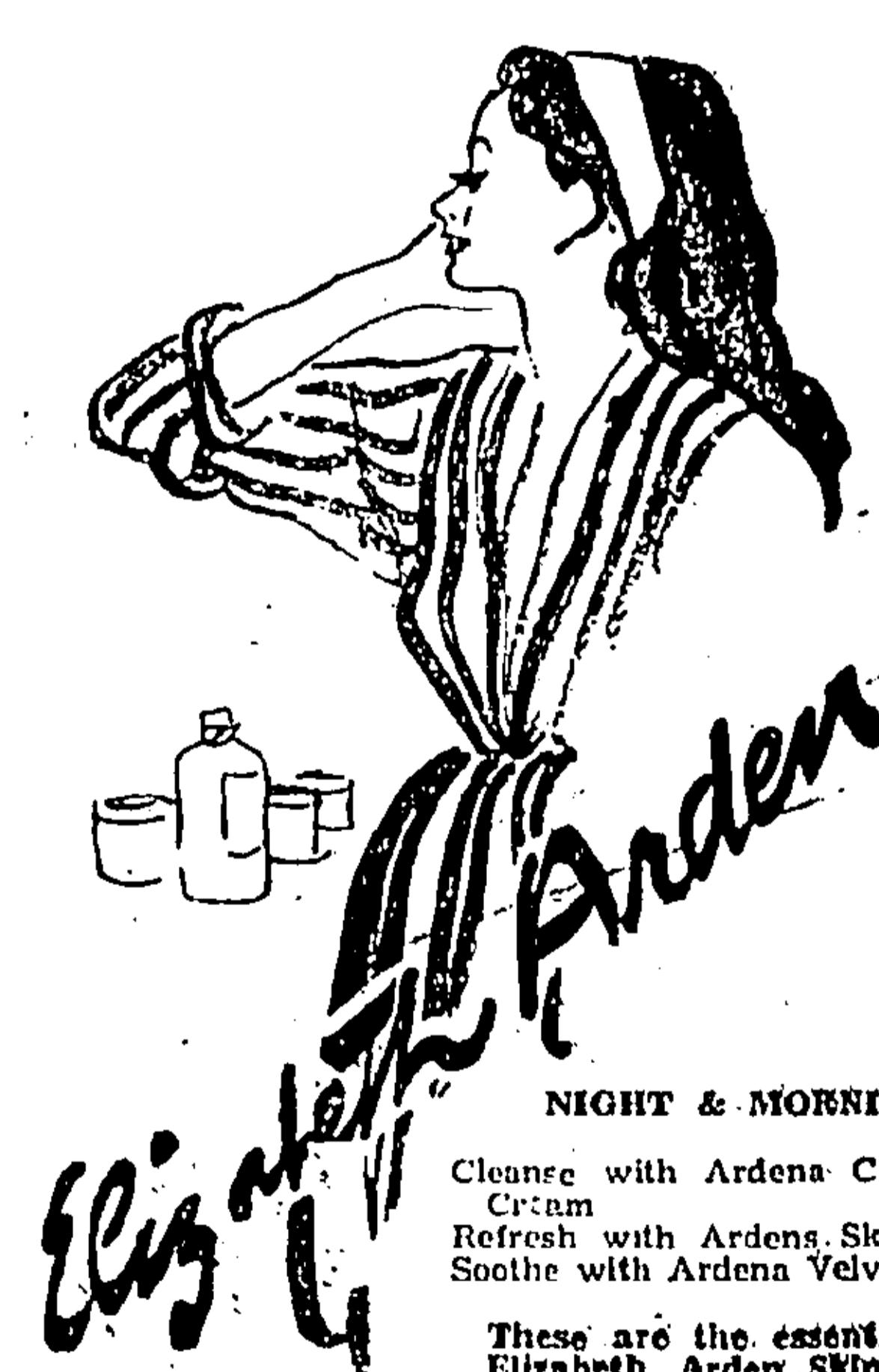
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### TALES OF A TOPCOAT

A top coat is about the most useful thing one can have at this time of the year. The weather is so changeable that it is difficult to know what to wear if one is going to be out of the house for more than a few minutes. The sun may decide to shine forth with a glowing warmth for an hour or two and then, quite as suddenly, allow the chilly wind an invasions.

So the top coat, which can be slipped on over anything from your warmest suit or woollen dress, to your prettiest afternoon or "after five" gown, is an indispensable. It's far, far better to have a coat with you than to be caught shivering and develop one of our famous "Hong Kong colds"!

The best colour to choose for this hard-working garment is one of the neutral shades which can be worn over almost anything, light or dark, printed or plain. This does not mean that we should all have the same kind of shade...Heaven for a bid...for there is a whole range of subtle shades to be included in the group of neutrals!

There are the fawns and beiges, the sandy and "camel" tones, the "naturals" and off-white, the moles and silver greys, and the mushroom tints that look so splendid with black. You can choose, of course, from the whole gamut of colours, but the ones I have mentioned are usually found to be the most useful and serviceable for a very wide sphere of occasions.

#### Another "New Look"

Coots, like suits and jackets, are following new trends. There is the nipped-in waist, the padded "au hip", the full skirt. But the classical styles, fitted or loose, with double or single-breasted fronts, and

New coats combine wintertime warmth with "New Look" glamour, and follow their own trends in the battle of Old versus New-Old.

By JANET MARTIN

tailored collars, are as popular as ever...and you can incorporate new touches with pockets, collars or cuffs.

If you are having a new coat made, do have a really good hem...you may want to have it dropped, later on!

Collars are the most arresting feature of the new collections in London. Wallace features a broadcloth coat, buttoning to a nipped-in waist, flaring out into a full skirt, and with the most immense ruffled collar of the same material.

Lachaise has a model in Shetland tweed, double-breasted, with a wide, seamed skirt and a huge convertible collar which folds back in exaggerated reverses or turns up round the ears, buttoning across like the "son wester" of our schooldays.

A charming Doretta model features again the moulded bo-

dice top, tiny waist and full "dervish" skirt which swirls when you walk and is finished with a demure velvet collar.

From Paris, Dior sends forth the new edge-to-edge, with stand-up collar and three buttons clasping it snugly around the diaphragm. The hips are padded out, pushing up two flap pockets.

#### Fur Trimmings Popular

There is a new wrap-over coat too, which many of us who remember the comfort of the "wrap" will be pleased to see again. The new asymmetrical line can be used here, swirling the lines of the coat across from right to left, panels swing over accordingly. These wrap coats bring fur trimming back into favour either as a stole, circling the neck and edging the wrap

down to the hem, as a front edging with matching sleeves, or as a collar.

Many of the new fur collars are reminiscent of the pre-war days of ruff collars and stand-up collars, so if you have been cherishing a few choice pieces all these years, now is your chance to bring them out again. The new version does not stand up so high at the back...just high enough for comfort, or quite low; but in front you can have the most dramatic rolls and folds.

The ever-useful loose coat is still a hardy annual. It may have a large roll collar or one of the stand up variety; it may have more fullness in the back than we have seen for some years; and more detail of attached edges, pockets and seams—but it is still the same slip-on-over-everything.

Two new ideas with pockets...on a tailored coat with slit pockets, two or three more mock slits placed beneath the real slit and on a beltless, fitted coat, two large flap pockets and two tiny "pocket" pockets placed above them at waist level.



### Well collared—and cosy

ONCE again we see big collars—huge bulky affairs that almost reach the eyes or roll back shawl-like to give added warmth to the shoulders on cold days. Some are so large they can even be slipped over the head to form a hood; others are trimmed with fur. They are a complete breakaway from the collars of recent years and complement the longer skirts. The designers have quite frankly skipped back through the years for inspiration and Robespierre and Napoleonic collars are particularly in evidence.

From left to right:  
1. A huge collar that fastens right under the nose.  
2. A comfortable shawl collar trimmed with astrakhan.  
3. A high Robespierre collar standing up at the back of the neck.  
4. A turned back Napoleonic collar.  
5. A great rolled back collar that buttons under the chin.

EDNA MCKENNA.

### Winter Tans Taboo

By PATRICIA CLARY

Hollywood, (U.P.)

If you can't afford a winter tan at Palm Springs, ladies, you're lucky. An artists' representative says it's better you should keep that peaches-and-cream complexion.

A group of nationally-known California artists say the fun for sun-tanning is overdone—and so are the movie stars who followed it.

They commanded actresses, Ingrid Bergman and Marilyn Nash for having "sense enough to come in out of the sun" and scolded Joan Crawford for lacking it.

"Sun-kiss is dandy, but sunblitz is something else," said Betty Lee, representative and spokesman for the magazine illustrators Earl Cordrey, Fritz Willis, Joe DeMers and eight or nine other painters of scintillating beauties.

"Ingrid Bergman looks like a peach, and Marilyn Nash like a peach," they commented, "that she has trouble making her skin come out to match."

bowl of honey." Miss Lee quotes the artists as saying.

"But John Crawford occasionally wears a sunbather, hell-for-leather look which would look better on Reed. Iph Scott."

The artists' complaint is that the models follow in the steps of their favourite star right out into the desert sun.

"Most of us come here for the sunshine," they admitted, "but now we can't find a model who doesn't look like either something out of a haberdashery or a piece of old shoe leather."

The artists approved the color line drawn by Dorothy Lumour. "Her New Orleans background must have taught her something about parasols and lemon juice," they said. "A real southern beauty never gets a blazing tan."

Marlene Dietrich was too white "sort of Pagliacci," they said, and Lynn Turner too variole.

"She changes her hair so often," they commented, "that she is always doing something to her skin come out to match."

### Two Ways To Look Exciting At Home



If you're the long-legged, smooth-hipped type, better pajamas are for you. They'll accent your assets and give you an air of provocative sophistication. Jane Greer (LEFT) of RKO Radio films chooses this three-piece ensemble. It has a "steamer" belt, belt-trousers and a wide, shaped waist.

Another three-piece model is worn by Ann Rutherford, star of RKO Radio film (RIGHT). The floor-length dark taffeta skirt cascades in unpressed folds from small bustline, and the tapered waist is a dazzling punctuation mark for the feminine, ruffled white blouse.

### BEAUTY CARE FOR ARMS AND HANDS

By Claudia

Some few among us, the lucky few, have been favoured by fortune with lovely hands. The poets have written rhapsodies about them, their delicate wrists, their slender, tapering fingers and rosy nails.

If the good fairies failed to give you a pair of hands fit to inspire the poets, you just have to make the best use of the pair you have...and even if they are not of the most classical shape and size, they can be expressive, well cared for and immaculately groomed.

When we speak of hands, we must, at least in Hong Kong, include the arms as well, for, daytime and evening, we reveal them more often than is usual in chiller climates. The days of the super streamlined feminine figure were really unkind to the arms, for cultivating an extreme slimness usually means angular elbows and bony wrists. So, from the point of view of arms, we can welcome the "New Look," which allows us to display more feminine curves, including the rounded arm and dimpled elbow.

Arms are all too often left out of the beauty routine. We spend time and money on facials and manicures, leaving the arms to take care of themselves, except for an occasional dab of cream, perhaps, when we are going out for the evening. When you bathe, always give your arms a good scrubbing with a soft nailbrush, using small, circular movements. This will break up the circulation and keep the skin clear, very necessary for the bony parts of the body, like elbows, where the circulation is inclined to be sluggish, causing rough, pitted, sore, bumpy and small spots under the skin. Arms that are too fat will benefit by a brisk sputtering and sapping with cold water, yolk water, then a light massage with cold cream to keep the skin soft. Thin arms should be massaged daily with a rich, nourishing cream, and given an occasional olive oil bath.

#### ...And Nails

Nails usually receive far more attention. In fact, with many women, they are the only part of the hand-and-arm area that do. Even so, there are many complaints in this climate and country, about brittle nails, nails that split and crack and break off easily. If nails are inclined to be brittle and ragged, it is not the fault of the polish or varnish. Nails are growing things, like hair and skin, and their quality comes first of all, from within. So, see whether you are eating enough fats...milk, cheese and eggs, and take a course of calcium. Fats and calcium build good nails, but while you are waiting for Nature to get to work, you can carry out an external treatment by painting the brittle nails with colourless, iodine, and rubbing them at bedtime with cuticle oil, lanoline or petroleum jelly.

This is the time to take up your nail files with a determined mind, and file them all down to an even level. For nothing looks worse than a set of nails in various lengths and shapes. By cutting the first part of the body, the nail, the shorter, the will grow out again. When filing, it is important to allow the nail to grow up to a quite young woman may be level with the fingers.

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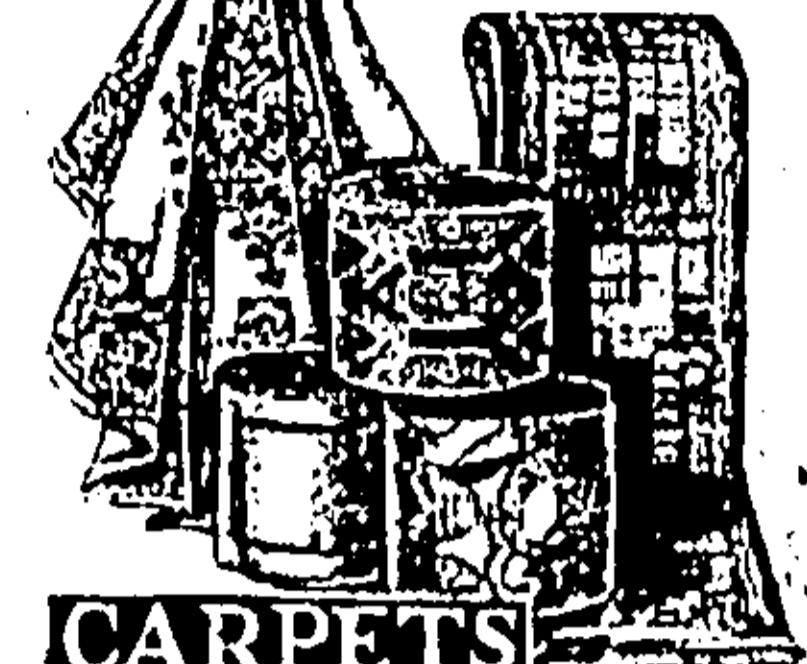
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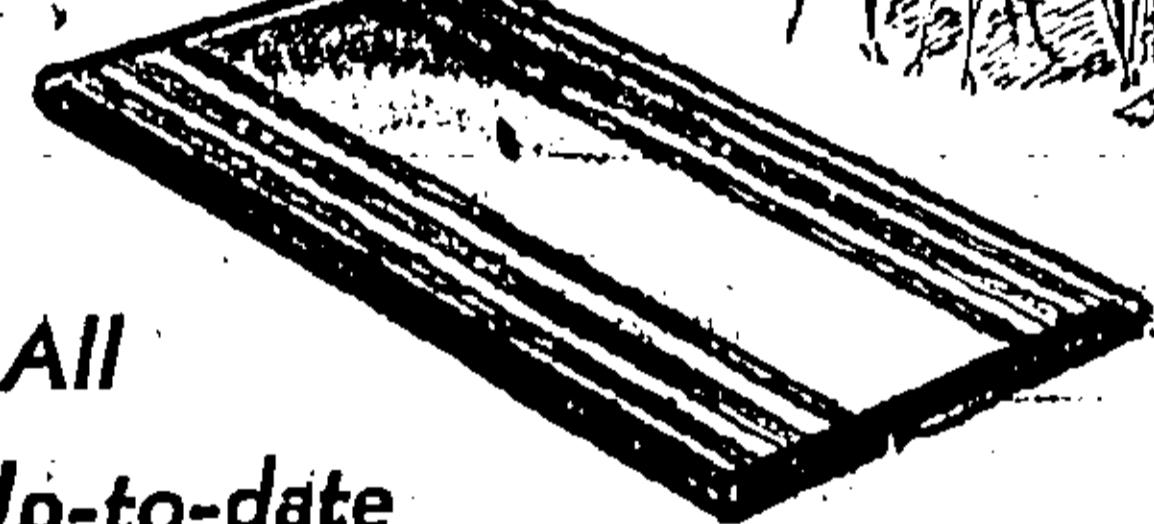
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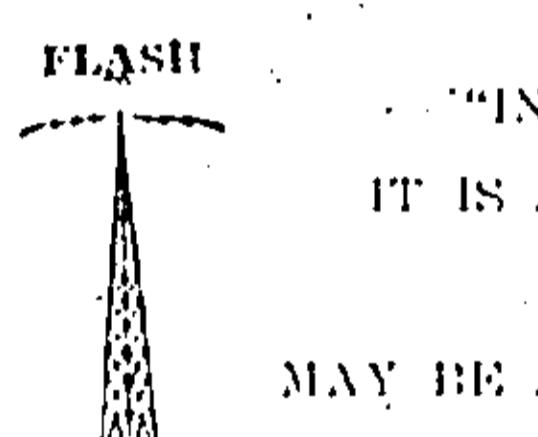
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## HINTS ON TEEN-AGE HAIRSTYLES

The much-dissected teen-ager has had thousands of words and millions of pounds spent on telling her just what to do, when to do it, and why she does it. But, peculiarly enough, the youth reformers seem to stop at her hair-line, and very few articles have been printed about a hair style for the Junior Miss.

She usually just lets it grow until about thirteen or until the head is driven mad by that sheepdog look. Then, in desperation, she is dragged along to have it "permed," that fatal first permanent wave! Since she can't be bothered returning regularly to have her hair set, she usually ends up looking like the original Fuzzy Wuzzy.

Then she gets it cut, and looks like a short-sheep for months. The solution is simple: a young hair style which is specially designed for the teen-ager. She need not be sophisticated, and yet no man can have an incentive to keep her hair dry.

### First Step

The first step, of course, is the old, old story: regular brushing. Hair cannot be combed with unkind, unhelpful "driving and "sliving."

If hair has a kink in it, it probably needs expert cutting and shaping to bring out its full glory. Cutting can make all the difference to young hair.

The girl who has hair which is just straight and looks like ramroding that way is usually the first to dash off to the horrors of the "perm." But there are several things she can do before she tries that last resort. If her hair is shoulder length she can plait it and carry the plait up on top of her head, covering the ends (if necessary) with the front hair, pulled up and back and tucked under the plait.

If your hair is not long enough to try that way, try plaiting it like this: Part the hair right across the head, from the top of one ear to the top of the other. Brush the front forward out of the way until it's needed. Then plait the back, starting the plait as close as possible to the neck.

### Idea For Short Hair

Here is a style for the shorter crop which is simple and sweet, and very effective. Part the hair on one side, and carry it over the crown of your head. Have the ends lightly permed, if necessary, but only the ends. Curl the ends, starting from the forehead on one side, and round the back, so that they form a soft frame for the face. This style can be either formal or informal, and it's very easy to handle.

The soft fringe is a good idea for a teen-ager with reasonably curly hair. A few curls combed forward and cut so that they form a fringe look most effective. With this style the hair can be cropped short and swept back away from the ears and neck.

Simplicity is the main theme for teen-ager's hairstyles. And "simplicity" does not mean "no care." Nothing looks worse than a long mane hanging loosely over the face, down the back, under the collar.

The target should be a definite style of hairdressing which suits the individual, but is easy to take care of, and which can most importantly be set at home.

And brush, brush, brush!

### More About Hair:

Jewellery is going to women's heads in no uncertain fashion. At a recent display of modern post-war jewellery several designers showed new ornaments to be worn in the hair, giving interest and importance to the new, sleekly dressed coiffure.

In planning the new hair ornaments of precious jewels, designers have given some thought to their adaptability.

A double-bar clip of diamonds, brilliants and baguettes is adaptable for wear as a straight line band across the front of the hair, or it may be divided into two for wearing at the base of the two swirls of hair dressed high on the temples. When not needed for hair decoration the jewel may be worn as two clips, or joined together as a "buckle" in the centre of a narrow belt in an evening gown.

One model, whose deep-coloured hair was drawn smoothly up into a topknot, wore a plaited rope of pearls round the base of the "collet" hair, so that hair and pearls formed a delightful coronet. Another wore a jewelled ornament inspired by Edwardian skirt pins. A long pin was thrust through the hair, with a large emeraldine at each end flanked by baguette rubies. This again was adaptable for wearing on a gown if preferred.

—Edna McKenna.

### Recipe For Today:

#### Savory Flaked Fish With Cheese Rolls

Ingredients: 2 cups cooked, flaked fish, 1 onion, 1 tablespoon shortening, 2 tablespoons flour, 2 cups milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt, 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley, pinch of cayenne pepper,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1 teaspoon lemon juice,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup self-raising flour, pinch of salt, 8 oz. shortening, 4 tablespoons milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups grated cheese.

Cut the onion thinly and fry lightly in the melted shortening. Add the flour, salt and pepper, and cook for three minutes without browning. Add the milk and stir until it boils and thickens. Fold in the fish, parsley, lemon rind, lemon juice and cayenne. Turn into a well-greased pie-dish. Sift the self-raising flour and salt into a basin. Rub in the shortening and mix into a soft dough with the milk. Turn out on to a floured board and roll out to  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick. Spread on the cheese, roll up and cut into 16 slices. Place the rolls on top of the fish mixture, brush with milk and bake in a hot oven, for 10 to 20 minutes.

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## GOOD (BEAUTY) RESOLUTIONS FOR 1948

By VICTOR MAMAK

First—Happy New Year to you all!

Another year, a brand new one, is with us now. Another stage of the journey passed; another just begun—and may the next stage of the journey be a happier, healthier and easier one.

Yes, New Year! And with the New Year there will be new aims, new interests, new hopes, new dreams . . .

And, no doubt, new looks, new hairstyles.

Without doubt you have made some new and very good resolutions for 1948. But how about some beauty resolutions? Have you thought of that?

If not, here are some that should go on your list.

### Your Eleven Commandments

"I shall never say to myself that I am not beautiful. I know I have something attractive about me, and I am going to learn to make the most of it."

2. I shall sincerely observe and follow the simple rules of health to keep myself in perfect condition.

3. No matter how late I return home, I shall not forget to go through my nightly beauty routine.

4. I shall not neglect my hands, since they are as important as my face and just as much on show. I shall always keep them well-groomed and immaculately manicured.

5. I shall learn the correct use of make-up in order to make myself look natural instead of artificial and theatrical.

6. I shall not step out of my house unless I have made sure that my make-up is right, my hair in place and my dress correct.

7. I shall not commit such social errors as showing my slip below my dress.

8. I shall not indulge in such disillusioning practices as re-touching my make-up or grooming my hair in public.

9. I shall not "pirate" the hairstyle of my neighbour or a screen star. I shall learn to arrange my hair to suit my own personality.

10. While choosing cosmetics for myself, I shall not be influenced by the fact that a certain screen star uses a certain brand. I shall find out the basic need of my own skin and analyze my own natural complexion, and be guided by that in selecting beauty preparations.

11. I shall not be found out! (If you are forty).



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### New Economic Factor

It did not take the American businessman long to find out that he had on his hands in teenagers a brand-new, and unexpected, market to exploit. He is spending immense sums on advertising frocks specially made for the teenager, new types of teenage cosmetics, shoes, girls' handbags, sweaters—everything to dress and please, a group which a few years ago didn't exist.

Now only is she coqueting into a well-dressed person in her own right, but she has become a powerful economic factor, a stronger influence in the home, and created a self-contained group demanding special industrial attention.

Economists are taking note of her impact on the national wealth, but none as yet has estimated the additional purchasing power her unique demands have fostered. But it runs into many millions of dollars a year, and is increasing all the time.

Nearly every big store in New York and in most major cities of America has installed elaborate Teenage Departments. Several dress-designers of repute are concentrating entirely on a group which, a few years ago, dwelt in the limbo of the let-down dress or the cut-down jacket. Furnishing makers are advising them on how to redecorate their rooms.

### Accent On Education

Those who are watching the extension of the teenage powers say that their emergence as a group allows them to appreciate a status, show more self-expression and exchange young ideas.

They are no longer a depressed minority dependent on the thoughts of their elders, too "old" to accept without question yet too young to argue with conviction.

With the realization that they belong to a group, instead of to a minority, the more serious-minded are finding better outlets for their ideas and aspirations.

Their magazines are using, because of popular demand, more educational items, such as explanations of Diet, Woods, the meaning of sex, and foreign affairs. At the opening of the Security Council in New York, more than 75 per cent of the public were teenagers. The thousands of teenage clubs springing up all over America are not only places for socializing and dancing, but also meeting-places where the thoughtful are being ahead of fashion.

Leo McCarey's solution is simple: in "Good Siam" he utilizes close-ups as much as possible. And when he can't help and wife the hemline, he shoots the scene twice—first with actresses in long skirts, then in regular length skirts. As a result, the actresses in long skirts, then in regular length skirts. As a result,

when making prune pie or pudding, break the pit and remove the nutlike centre. Chop it up and add it to the recipe.

To remove odd mildew stains, launder the garment, then dry in direct sunlight. Thereafter cleaning will be easy. Ordinary washing with a mild soap and warm water will do the job.

To clear baby's bottles of mineral deposits, add lemon juice to the water when boiling.

To absorb refrigerator odours, keep a small piece of charcoal in the cabinet.

To remove wax spots on clothing, place the garment on the ironing board with an ink blotter under the spot and press with a hot iron for only a moment.

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Numbers 1001 to 1399	Monday	Jan. 5th 1948
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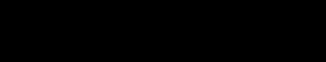
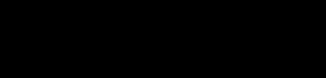
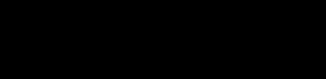
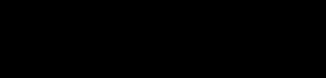
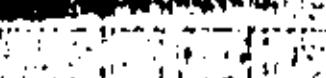
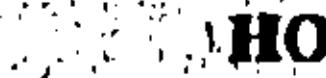
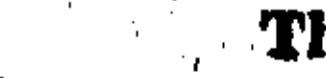
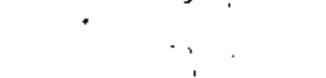
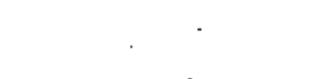
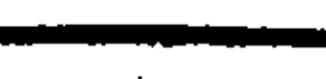
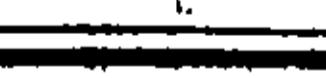
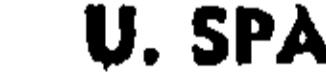
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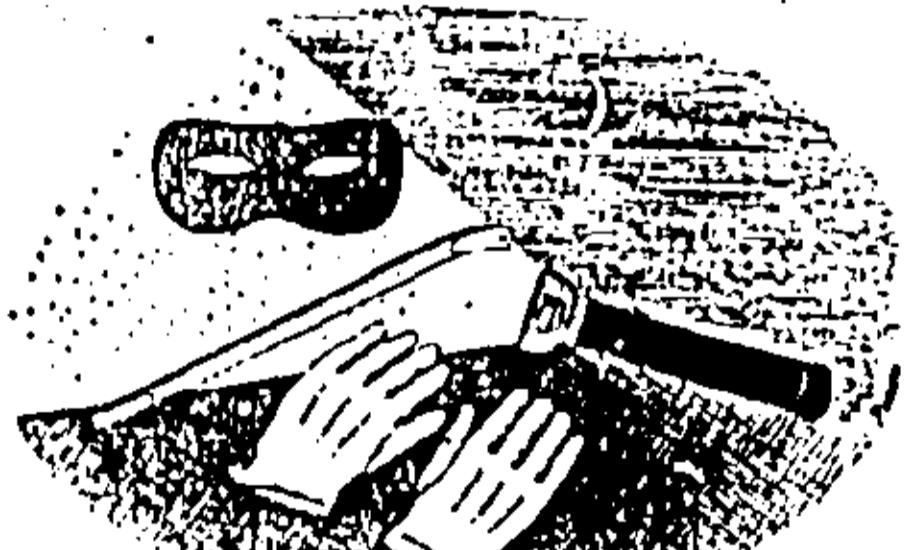


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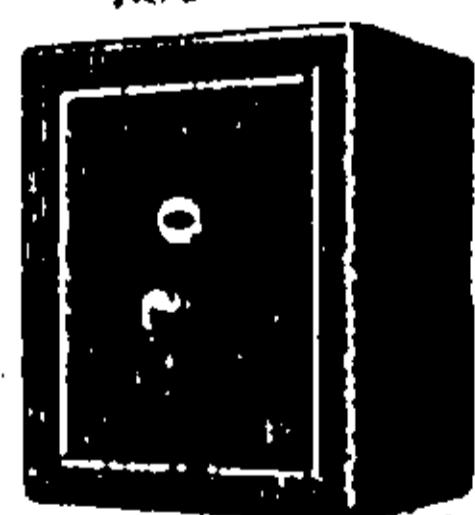
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Several friendly games were played. At the Valley Craigengower beat the C.R.E. easily by 81 runs.

At Sookunpoo Indian Recreation Club accounted for University by 30 runs. In a low scoring game Kowloon Cricket Club drew with Club de Recreio. In the other Quadrangular game between Army and Royal Air Force, Army only scored 110 runs in the first innings while Air Force scored 45 runs for 4 wkts. at their turn at bat.

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**H.K.C.C.**

FIRST INNINGS:—104

SECOND INNINGS:

Richardson, c. Gething, b. White

Pearce retired

Little, c. Heine, b. Gething

Owen Hughes, c. Matthews, b. Gething

Howarth, c. Cole, b. Matthews

Bardill, c. Fluck, b. Matthews

Kilber, c. Catlow, b. Matthews

Raynor, not out

Extras

Total (for 7-wkts. dec.) 148

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O M R W

Gething .. 10 0 44 2

White .. 14 1 49 1

Matthews .. 6 0 31 31

Brown .. 1 0 13 0

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Cole, c. Bardell, b. Howarth

Lt. Shaw, c. Little, b. Raynor

nor

Catlow, b. Howarth

Fluck, b. Raynor

Starlin, b. Howarth

White, c. Howarth

nor

Lt. Browne, c. Bardell, b. Franklin

C.E.R.A. Brown, not out

S. Lt. Gething, c. Raynor

Franklin

Marr Matthews, b. Franklin

Extras

Total .. 74

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Hong Choy .. 1.2 0 6 6

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## TENSE RUGGER CLASH Club Beat Navy In Hard-Fought Game

(BY "CRUMS")

It is no exaggeration to say that the atmosphere was tense when Stearns kicked off for Navy at the start of the Rugby game against the Club at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Once again the crowd of spectators watching rugby far exceeded the spectators attending the football game nearby and they were treated to a fine game.

Club won by six points to three. After a hard fought game which really amounted to a battle between the Club forwards with not much support from the backs and the Navy backs, who tried magnificently, although their forwards were beaten for the ball time and again by the Club.

McWhirter's hooking has added more success to the Club's practicality in the Club's line of the set scrums.

Also Tayl's work in the lineouts gave the club a similar advantage.

But the Club backs could not combine smoothly and lost much chance in the first half.

The Navy backs showed real fire every time they saw the ball and Gurns, Lloyd and Thomas well supported by the Navy wings forwards, Brose and Evans were a constant danger.

### Score Opens

The Club opened the scoring after 15 minutes with an unconverted try by Strachan near the corner.

It was rather a surprising try in that it resulted from a unorthodox passing movement in which each of the club's backs was practically standing still when they received and passed the ball, however, Strachan produced the necessary burst of speed to get over the line.

It was bad luck that St. O. Navy's half had to leave the field injured just before half time.

### CAPITAL LEVY?

London, Jan. 3. John Parker, Labour Member of Parliament, and Secretary of the Fabian Society, predicted today that a capital levy will be recommended by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, in his 1948 budget.—Associated Press.

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## And Over He Goes



## Exhibition Softball Postponed

The exhibition game between the visiting Filipino team and the Club de Recreio, scheduled for 2.30 p.m. at the Club de Recreio Softball Diamond today, has been postponed indefinitely.

The visiting team will not be in town today.

Other league games will be played off according to schedule.

### MOORLAND HUNT

Stranraer, Jan. 3. An Army Bren gun carrier and a Royal Air Force bomber were involved in a six-day hunt, which ended last night, on the moorland near here in the capture of a man wanted by the police for a burglary at Lochinch Castle.—Reuter.

The kick taken by Symes was successful.

There were some tense moments at the Inter-School Sports Meeting on New Year's Day.

Here is a real thrill. Wong Chak Leung, Ling Ying student, goes over the bar to win the pole jump.

The sports were held on the South China Athletic Association Grounds.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

## THIRD TEST PLAY:

## Bradman Spoils Indians' Hopes

Melbourne, Jan. 3. Australia, in their second innings of the Third Test, scored 255 runs for four wickets at the close of play here today. India declared at 291 runs for nine wickets in their first innings. Don Bradman, Australia's captain, today shattered India's hopes with a master innings.

The Saints were in a generally good position, with the ball down for 32 runs against bowlers with their tails up and against heavy fielding.

The wicket by then had lost its terrors but the fall of another wicket would have placed the Australians in a critical position.

Don Bradman, after a quiet opening, raced to 100, scoring his last 50 runs in 42 minutes. He completely mastered the attack and once again India found Bradman their greatest stumbling block.

Morris Shines

Arthur Morris played a fine supporting innings and gave the Indians no hope at either end.

The pair played relentless concentrated cricket, yet it was never dull. They consolidated a good partnership and placed Australia in a winning position.

Amarnath, meeting a slightly wet wicket, decided to use the light roller but Bradman used a heavy roller which was a wiser decision.

India's captain on a turning wicket decided to declare after losing three wickets cheaply but Bradman sent in his tailenders to play out the time before lunch, after which the wicket was expected to be easy.

Three dropped catches saved the top Australian batsman who was facing a tricky wicket. Amarnath was the only Indian batsman to take full advantage of the pitch and was unlucky to have caught dropped off him.

Mankad was unable to adopt his bowling to the wet condition of the wicket, for he was bowling too short and not spinning.

On a drying wicket the ball must be kept up to allow the wicket to do the rest. Bradman and Morris kept with the Indian attack during the latter part of the day.

India's limited attack struck to a difficult job but was not good toll was 67.—United Press.

### JUNIOR SOCCER

R.A.S.C.-25th R.A.

In a cleanly contested game at Sookunpoo yesterday, R.A.S.C. beat 25th R.A. by 4 goals to 2.

At half time, R.A.S.C. were leading by 3 goals to 1. Bunch completed the "hat trick" for R.A.S.C. while Cole scored for 25th R.A.

The second half was more evenly contested and 25th R.A. had countless opportunities of drawing level, but their finishing touches lacked punch.

Bunch scored his fourth goal of the match, while Hobkirk notched for 25th R.A.

R.A.S.C.: Heller, Arthur, McGuinness; Foster, Hackworth, Parks; Rowe, Bailey, Frank, Ambrose, Bunch.

25th R.A.: Easler, Feltham, Vernon, Stirling, Stepto, Hobkirk, Stewart, Leech, Cole, Johnson, Carter.

### TYphoon's Toll

Manila, Jan. 3.

The death toll of the Christmas typhoon Jean rose to 162 as detailed reports from Sorsogon Province in Southeast Luzon revealed that at least 100 were killed outright or died of injuries during the storm, including 34 in one town alone.

The previously tabulated death toll was 67.—United Press.

## Sing Tao-Kitchee Game Barred By Police

The much awaited football game between Sing Tao and Kit Chee, which was to be played this afternoon on the Club ground, will not take place on the instructions of the Police.

The Police state that they did not receive application for the service of police to assist in the handling of the crowd expected in sufficient time to enable them to make arrangements.

In their first meeting, Kit Chee won 7 goals to one, but most of their then players are now in Sing Tao's ranks.

## SURPRISES AT SOCCER Club And Buffs Win Navy Gives KMB Shock

There were several surprises in yesterday's First Division football programme when Club severely trounced St. Joseph's and Buffs, after serving up a fine brand of football, scored a creditable win over the Royal Air Force.

At Kowloon, Navy gave Kowloon Motor Bus a rude shock when they won by three goals to two. At Caroline Hill Police were leading South China by the only goal, when the referee abandoned the game after 20 minutes play owing to presence of broken glass on the playing field.

In the Junior division, Royal Navy easily beat Motor Bus by eight goals to two and R.E.M.E. did well to collect both points from Club as the result of a two goals to one win.

### CLUB - ST. JOSEPH'S

#### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

##### FIRST DIVISION

\*South China 0 Police 1

Buff 3 R.A.F. 2

R. Motor Bus 2 Navy 3

Club 5 St. Joseph's 1

South China 5 R.A.O.C. 1

\*Navy 5 K. Motor Bus 2

SECOND DIVISION "A"

South China 5 R.A.O.C. 1

25th R.A. 2 R.A.C. 4

Club 1 R.E.M.E. 2

C. Cadre 3 Electric 1

(Abandoned after 20 minutes play.)

With a goal down, the Busmen strived hard for the equaliser and Chow Man-chi put Cheuk Shek-kam through for the latter to equalise.

With but barely ten minutes to go, Navy fought back splendidly and snatched a well-earned victory when Youkee found the net to give the sailors two points.

Navy: Adie, Roach and Bell; Reuter, Flintham and Holloway; Kitchee, Davies, Bolton, Foxton and Youkee.

R.M.C.: Shui Poon; Lam Sui-kam, Tang Yui-kit, Cheung Ching-kan, Tang Yui-kit, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

### SOUTH CHINA - POLICE

(Abandoned after 20 minutes play.)

After twenty minutes play, the match between South China and R.A.O.C. was stopped by the referee.

Reason given was that the pitch had pieces of broken glass — presumably remnants of broken aerated water bottles from the School's Athletic meet which took place on New Year's Day.

However, the second division game preceding this between South China and R.A.O.C. was played, resulting in a victory to the former by 5 goals to 1.

South China: Lee Wal-wu; Lee Shek-ching, Lam Yee-shun; Chu Tak-wing, Leung Wing-chu, Lau Wing-kwong; Shui Yee-sang, Tong Sheung, Chan Tak-shui, Lau Sheung, Lau Shek-wan.

R.A.O.C.: Pak-tze, Tang Wan; Fung Kal-ming, Lau Wah; Pope, Goran, Ng Wah, Chan Oi-yan, Collaco, Howitt, Ferris, Lau Pak-hung.

### Today's Games

The following is today's soccer programme:

#### FIRST DIVISION

25th R.A. v. Innsbrook, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. Ref.: F. A. Barretto; Linesmen: Y. F. Mak/ P. P. Li.

Eastern v. Kwong Wah, 4 p.m. Ref.: A. F. Willis; Linesmen: D. P. Lai/C. K. Wong.

Sing Tao v. Kit Chee, Club, 4 p.m. Ref.: H. H. Blisby; Linesmen: G. George, M. Leung.

#### SECOND DIVISION "A"

Eastern v. St. Joseph's Club, 2.30 p.m. Ref.: — Day.

Kit Chee v. H.Q.L.F. Navy, 2.30 p.m. Ref.: — Day.

W.D. Chinese v. Police Army, 4 p.m. Ref.: R. S. M. Watson.

Daybreak v. Talook, H. Valley, 2.30 p.m. Ref.: — Day.

This inspired them and Youkee gave them the lead with a grand goal much to the delight of the Navy supporters.

### BUFFS - R.A.F.

Giving a better all round display, Buffs scored a well-merited 8-2 victory over R.A.F. at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon.

The opening exchanges were fairly even, with both sides enjoying a fair share of the ball.

Buffs forced to fruitless corners.

R.A.F. took the ball down and worried the opposing defence into giving away a corner.

From the resultant corner kick by Birnie, Sewell netted with a fine header to give R.A.F. the lead.

Buffs almost equalized when Knuckey failed to gather the ball when it was passed back to him.

As it rolled across the goalmouth, Soutar rushed in to clear before any of the opposing forwards could capitalize on the situation.

Following a scrimmage in front of the R.A.F. goalmouth, Mockler scored the equalizer for his side.

Shortly before half time, Buffs took the lead when Mockler kicked the ball into the net.

After the breather, Buffs were quicker to settle down.

Knuckey did well to bring a brilliant one-handed save from a header by Gravesen from close in.

Buffs went further ahead when Gravesen, taking advantage of a misunderstanding between the R.A.F. defence, nipped

### Home Football Results

The following are the results of football matches played today:

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE

##### FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 3 Sheffield Utd. 0

Blackburn R. 1 Wolverton W. 0

Blackpool 3 Everton 2

Charlton 0 West Ham Utd. 1

Cheltenham 1 M'chester Utd. 0

Derby City 5 Chelsea 1

Grimbsy Town 4 Sunderland 1

Leeds United 0 Stoke City 0

Manchester C. 0 Aston Villa 2

Middlesbrough 1 Preston N.E. 2

Portsmouth 3 Huddersfield 2

SECOND DIVISION

Birmingham 1 Plymouth 0

Bradford 1 Chesterfield 0

Cardiff City 1 Millwall 0

Coventry C. 3 B. R. 0

Doncaster R. 1 Bury 0